

# Hokkaido/Sapporo Declaration

## -Toward a Green Powerhouse in Japan-

The Green Transformation (GX) is underway around the world to make industry and society clean energy-centered.

Against this backdrop, Hokkaido is promoting the "Zero Carbon Hokkaido" initiative, taking advantage of its renewable energy potential, which is the best in Japan, and Sapporo City is promoting the creation of "Environmental Capital, Sapporo" as a "decarbonization leader" in Japan.

These efforts will make Hokkaido as a whole a sustainable and vibrant region with a virtuous cycle between the environment, economy, and society, and contribute to the GX of Japan and the world as a Green Powerhouse, which will further enhance Hokkaido's value and attractiveness.

With this recognition, on the occasion of the G7 Ministers' Meeting on Climate, Energy and Environment in Sapporo, Hokkaido and Sapporo, in closer cooperation with the Japanese government, hereby declare the following in order to pave the way for the future of a decarbonized society.

1. As the frontrunners in regional decarbonization in Japan, Hokkaido and Sapporo shall work together with the public and private sectors, not only to promote energy conservation but also to maximize the introduction and local production of renewable energy for local consumption, and actively attract production/research bases from Japan and abroad that will produce such energy, leading to improved lifestyles and economic development.
2. Hokkaido and Sapporo shall contribute to the promotion of the introduction of renewable energy throughout Japan by promoting the early development of submarine DC transmission infrastructure connecting Hokkaido with large consumption areas in Honshu and supplying abundant renewable energy, including offshore wind power.
3. Hokkaido and Sapporo shall make efforts to promote industries such as semiconductors and data centers that utilize renewable energy, introduce new decarbonization technologies such as storage batteries, hydrogen and ammonia, CCUS, e-methane and e-fuels, and develop human resources.
4. Hokkaido and Sapporo City shall promote these GX-related projects with the participation of domestic and foreign companies, while also attracting global environmental finance funds.
5. Hokkaido and Sapporo shall contribute to global GX by sharing with the international community the knowledge and experience gained through various initiatives including the above.

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