

Foreword

The role of natural gas in energy supply is increasing in the East Asia Summit (EAS) region where energy demand is steadily growing. The driving factor of this trend includes the effective use of domestic resources, diversification of energy sources, and reduction of environmental load. Meanwhile, at the same time, we see rising import dependency of natural gas supply in many member countries.

As such, there is a need to implement necessary and appropriate policy measures that can respond to this changing natural gas supply–demand structure. What will be required to achieve sustainable development of the natural gas market, and thus contribute to the economic growth of the region and its countries? It is my hope that this study succeeds in finding and presenting some clues to answer this important and difficult question.

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