

Preface

Energy security, needless to say, is an indispensable element of energy policy in every East Asia Summit country. In the past three years, a change was tried to quantify the status of energy security of each country—past and future—and our efforts succeeded in deriving some useful policy recommendations. At the same time, it was noted that this approach has a limitation. This is due to the fact that history sometimes changes in a discontinuous manner. For instance, this was observed in the oil crisis event in the 1970s.

The scenario planning method is one of the approaches that can describe a discontinuous future. For this year, this method was utilised to study the future state of the global and regional market, and to generate implications for energy policies that can be used.

It is my hope that the outcome of this study will serve as a point of reference for policymakers in East Asian countries and contribute to the improvement of energy security in the region.

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