

Foreword

While liquefied natural gas (LNG) has numerous advantages and can enhance economic competitiveness, environment, and energy security (3Es) of Asia, there are several issues and challenges to promote LNG in the region. In last year's study conducted by the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia ('Comprehensive Analysis to Unlock Potential LNG Demand in EAS Region'), the following policy recommendations were derived and provided at the annual LNG Consumer-Producer Conference held in Tokyo on 18 October 2017:

1. Securing sustainable upstream investments
2. Developing a more transparent and flexible LNG market
3. Providing financial supports
4. Assisting policy and regulatory developments in Asia
5. Sustaining competitive US LNG export platform

Referring to last year's outcome, this study aims to provide more concrete and specific proposals and action plans to accelerate LNG use in Asia.

The authors hope that this study will provide new insights for the LNG market development in the East Asia Summit region.

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