

# *The Seventh Japan-Russia Energy and Environment Dialogue in Niigata*

## *The Niigata Appeal on Energy and the Environment 2014*

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Niigata has a long history of exchange with the countries on the opposite shores of the Sea of Japan, including Russia. Moreover, it is a base receiving energy resources, such as oil, natural gas, and coal, utilizing them in industry and in the civilian sector within the prefecture, and plays an important role as a hub for the transportation of oil and natural gas on to other regions of Japan. In addition, in Niigata, there are many enterprises specializing in the development and manufacture of energy-related technologies. Considering such matters, the holding in Niigata of the "Japan-Russia Energy and Environment Dialogue" has great significance.

Consequently, the organizers of the "Dialogue", Niigata Prefecture, the City of Niigata, and ERINA, having taken into account the results of the current "Dialogue", are convinced that the evolution of energy and environmental cooperation between Japan and Russia will lead to the peace and prosperity of Northeast Asia, and in turn to the strengthening of the energy security of the entire globe, and in the hope of further maintaining and expanding the initiatives of the "Dialogue" which have brought together central and regional industry, academia and government, make the following proposals:

- The Seventh Japan-Russia Energy and Environment Dialogue has successfully fulfilled its original objectives. We will take pains to sustain and develop the "Dialogue", disseminating domestically and internationally the attraction of the "Dialogue" and the role it plays.
- In the hope that the "Dialogue" leads to concrete cooperation, we will pursue possibilities for Niigata firms and those of other localities to be able to participate in business-matching, increasing the number of successful examples.
- As Niigata fulfils a role as a receiving center and transport hub for the Japanese energy industry, and utilizes this energy in both the industrial and civilian sectors, we will endeavor to further strengthen such an advantageous position.
- We hope that the expansion of the human exchange with the nations concerned, by way of the "Dialogue", will lead to Northeast Asian energy security, and in turn bring peace and prosperity to the region.

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