

*Turkey:  
The Energy Security of an Energy-Resource-Poor Nation /  
The Lesson for Japan*

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**Summary**

Turkey is a nation poor in natural resources such as crude oil and natural gas, yet that country now holds the key to the ensuring of Europe's energy security.

Turkey is making the maximum use of its own geographical position, and henceforward it will aim to acquire and secure the maximum national interest in the energy negotiations with Russia, the nations surrounding the Caspian Sea and the nations of Europe, or put another way, as a transit country adjoining the natural resource production areas and the energy-consuming areas.

Japan too is a nation poor in natural resources such as crude oil and natural gas. Differing from Turkey, however, Japan is an energy-consuming nation and cannot become an energy-transit country.

So will Turkey's example be a lesson then for Japan? I would like to discuss in this piece what energy strategy Japan, which is poor in natural resources, ought to adopt.

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