

Japan's submission on Article 6, paragraph 8, of the Paris Agreement

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<Introduction>

Japan welcomes the opportunity to submit its views and information, on the basis of the paragraph 6 of CMA3 decision (FCCC/PA/CMA/2021/L.20) on work programme under the framework for non-market approaches referred to in Article 6, paragraph 8 (Article 6.8), of the Paris Agreement. In the following, Japan presents its views on this subject:

Given the wide range of activities which could be covered under Article 6.8, it is useful for Parties to identify possible initiatives that are relevant to Article 6.8 through this submission opportunity, so that others are also encouraged to take specific non-market approaches. To this end, Japan presents its existing initiative, known as Cleaner Energy Future Initiative for ASEAN (CEFIA), as a relevant non-market approach, as per paragraph 6(a) of CMA3 decision. With CEFIA being only one example, Japan may at a later date submit information on other initiatives or more general views on non-market approaches.

<Japan's effort>

CEFIA covers some of the initial focus areas, including mitigation measures and development of clean energy, referred to in both paragraph 3(b) and 3(c) of CMA3 decision.

- (a) **Existing Initiatives:** CEFIA is an initiative which has been led by the Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (METI) of Japan since 2019 in close collaboration with the ASEAN Center for Energy, which functions as the secretariat of CEFIA, and ASEAN member countries, for the purpose of facilitating joint efforts between the public and private sectors towards the energy transition and decarbonization in the ASEAN region. Through the implementation of concrete projects (Flagship Projects), such as projects to promote energy conversation and to introduce more renewable energy, each ASEAN country will develop and improve policy and institutional frameworks. Additionally, CEFIA's Flagship Projects can contribute to the implementation of the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC). For more details on CEFIA, see attached slides. (Reference URL as follows; <https://www.cefia-dp.go.jp/>)

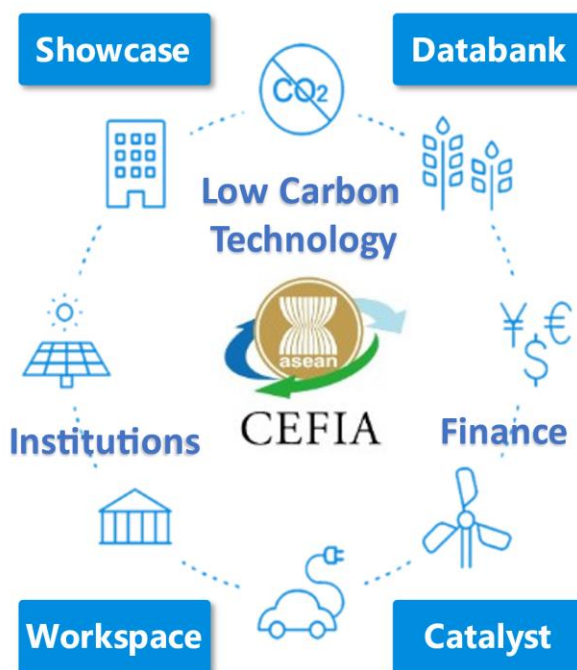


Example of a Flagship Project
Microgrids with magnus windmills
In the Republic of the Philippines

- (b) **Examples of potential additional focus areas**: Expanding on the experience and plans in the CEFIA implementation, the co-benefits of mitigation and adaptation, the project formation attracting diverse forms of investments including ESG investments, and the quantification methods for contribution to emission reductions are all potential additional focus areas of non-market approaches, while this is by no means exhaustive list of additional focus areas.
- (c) **The UNFCCC web-based platform**: Rather than structuring a large standalone system for the UNFCCC web-based platform for recording and exchanging information on non-market approaches, it might be more reasonable to make effective use of existing platforms and promote the interactions and synergies among them. The CEFIA Digital Platform (refer to the URL above) is already available, and which could be useful as one of the components of the UNFCCC web-based platform.
- (d) **The Schedule**: It is important to ensure that the work programme activities, such as an in-session workshops, are implemented in accordance with the approaches referred to in chapter III of the annex (Governance of the framework) and with activities referred to in chapter V of the annex (Work programme activities). There are specific events and activities planned for CEFIA, which could somehow be connected to other events and activities to be organized in the broader context of Article 6.8.

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The cooperative initiative named **Cleaner Energy Future Initiative for ASEAN (CEFIA)** was created at the 16th ASEAN+3 Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM+3) in Bangkok in September 2019, as a platform to facilitate **collaboration between the public and private sectors** for accelerating the deployment of cleaner energy and decarbonization technology **in the ASEAN region.**



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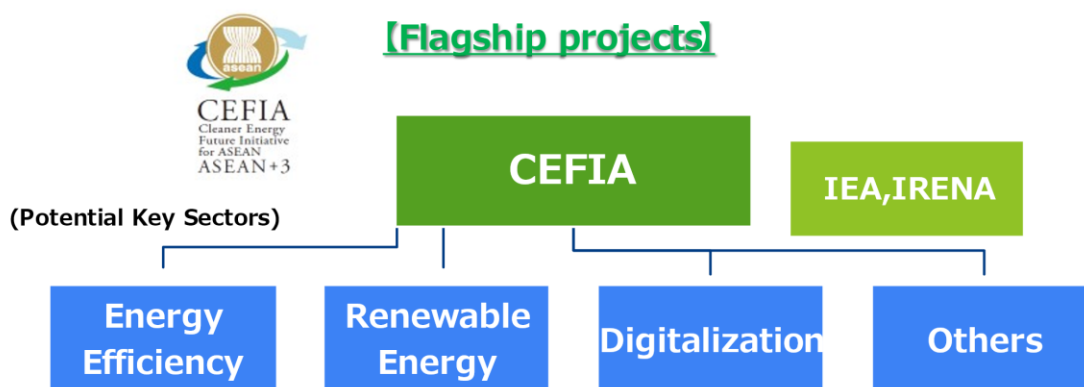
Key components of CEFIA



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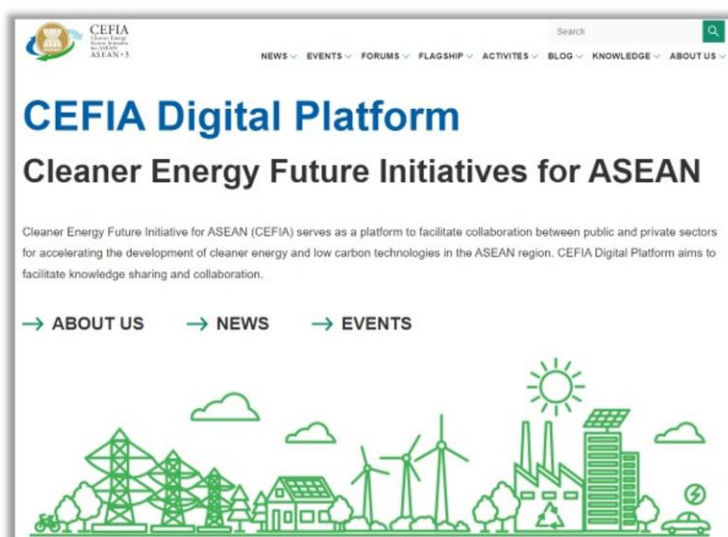
Flagship Projects

- **Showcase good practices of cooperation** in introducing technology in parallel with developing appropriate policy and institutional frameworks, as well as mobilizing public and private finance
- **Demonstrate active cooperation and collaboration** among governments, governmental agencies, private sectors, and academia
- **Call for more ideas** of potential cooperation and move forward toward Cleaner Energy Future of ASEAN



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CEFIA Digital Platform



Objective

- To enhance roles (Showcase, Workspace, Databank, and Catalyst) through Digital Collaboration
- To provide a variety of information on CEFIA activities to facilitate knowledge sharing and various collaboration activities

<https://www.cefia-dp.go.jp/>

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