

Japan's Climate Change Policy in the context of “After FUKUSHIMA”

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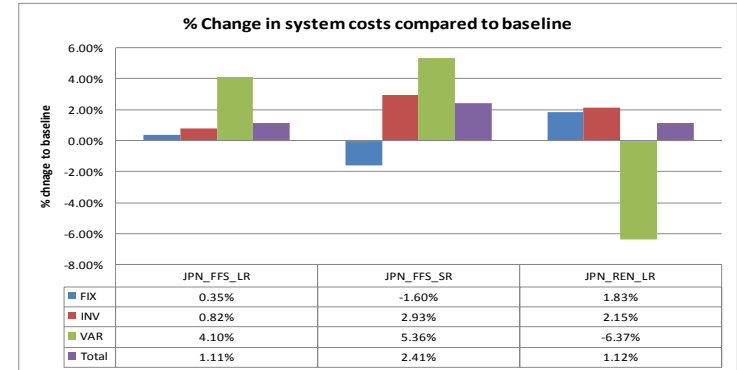
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Climate Change Policy: **as a moral issue**

- **Responsibility: Japan has a lot as a developed country**
- **Comparability: Japan's efforts level is most likely in the middle among developed countries**
- **It is necessary to discuss seriously the "principles" for the serious climate change mitigation action**

Climate Change Policy : as an economic/industrial policy

- Renewable is cheaper than the fossil fuel
- Renewable and energy conservation is the single most prospective industry in the 21st century.
- “Loss of international competitiveness and hollowing-out” is just a myth



Results of the TIMES Japan model analysis by IGES

Climate Change Policy: as a diplomatic policy

- **Japan is being viewed as one of the “Gang of four”**
- **Japan’s multilateralism seems to have faded away**
- **However, Japan can become a deal-maker in the negotiation for post 2012 (Hayama proposal)**

Climate Change Policy: **The Way forward**

- **FIT is not enough**
- **Carbon pricing is necessary and inevitable**
- **Destruction of various myths, quantitative analysis and easy-to-understand messages to general public and policy makers are key**