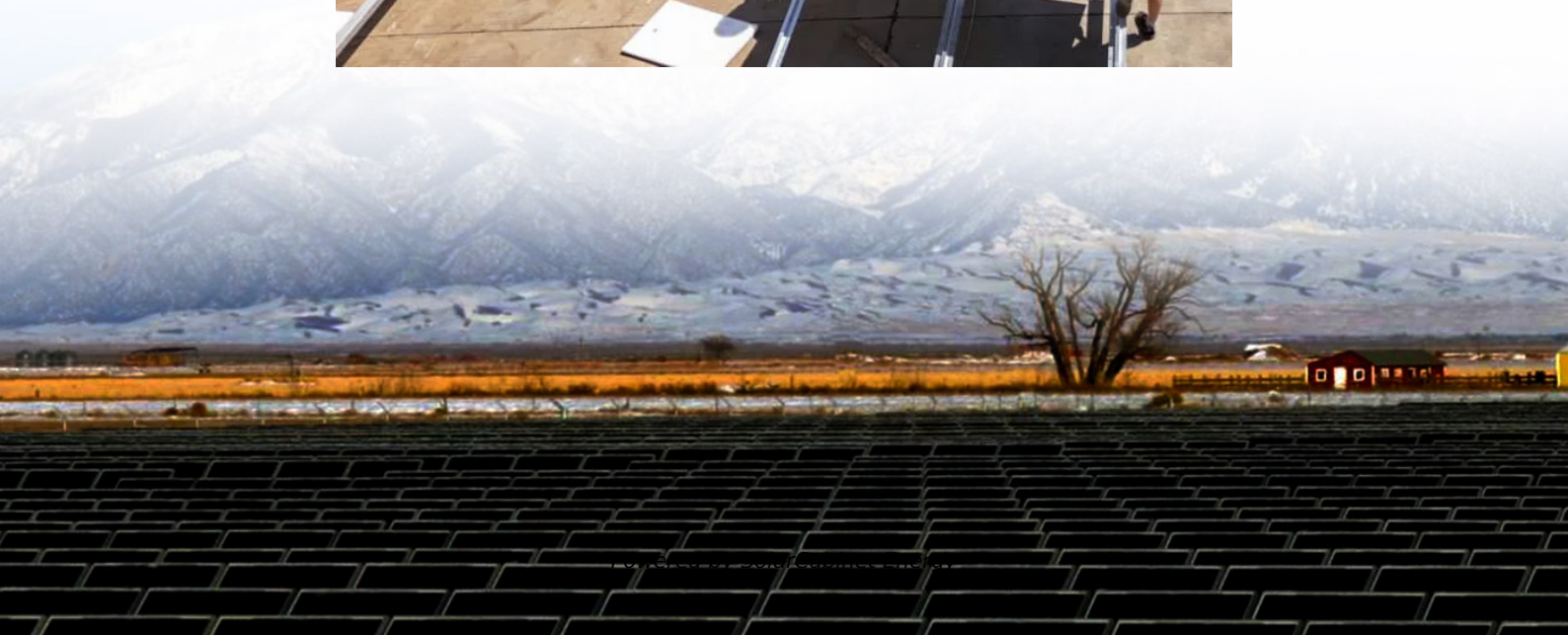


Japan Energy Storage Hydropower Project





Overview

What is pumped storage hydropower?

The large capacity of pumped storage hydropower was built to store energy from nuclear power plants, which until the Fukushima disaster constituted a large part of Japan electricity generation. As of 2015, Japan is the country with the highest capacity of pumped-storage hydroelectricity in the world, with 26 GW of power installed.

How many pumped storage power plants are there in Japan?

Pumped storage type power plants have been developed in Japan since 1930. Tokyo Electric Power Co., Inc. (TEPCO) has 9 pumped storage power plants with approximately 10,000 MW in total, including one under construction.

How many pumped hydro projects are there in Japan?

Japan currently has three major pumped hydro projects in various stages of completion, including one serving Tokyo that will have the world's third-largest pumped-storage power capacity when fully online. Utilities are also making investments in existing plants so they are more responsive to contemporary energy needs.

Why are Japanese utilities investing in pumped hydro power plants?

Utilities are also making investments in existing plants so they are more responsive to contemporary energy needs. Japan already has the world's second largest pumped hydro generating capacity and by far the largest per capita.

Will pumped storage hydropower bring balance and stability to Japan's grid?

Pumped storage hydropower, a late 19th century technology that was largely ignored by the markets for decades, is now emerging as pivotal to bringing balance and stability to Japan's grid as the nation both reboots nuclear energy and moves to rely more on solar and wind generation.



Does Japan have a pumped hydro plant?

Japan already has the world's second largest pumped hydro generating capacity and by far the largest per capita. In many countries, such as the U.S. which hasn't developed a major pumped hydro plant since the 1990s, a lack of new, suitable sites has slowed or halted the expansion of this kind of energy storage over recent decades.



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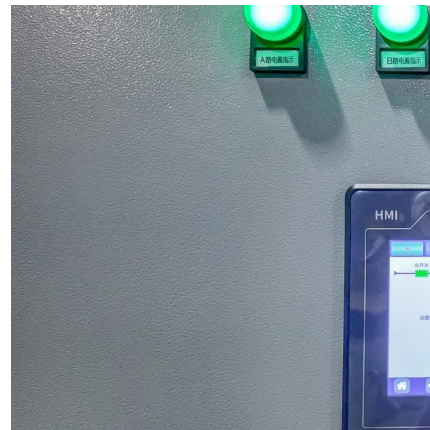


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