### What is New Energy?

"New Energy" is defined under Japanese law<sup>\*</sup> as "something that has reached the stage of being capable of implementation on a technical level, but has not been deployed fully due to economic restraints, and something that is particularly required to introduce a form of energy to replace oil. Currently, 10 types have been specified, including solar and wind power generation, bio-mass, and more.



\*Act on Special Measures for the Promotion of New Energy Use, abbreviated as New Energy Act

### **Evaluation & Problems of New Energy**

	Solar Power	Wind Power	Waste Power (Biomass Power)
Merits	<ul> <li>No fear of exhaustion</li> <li>Emits no CO<sub>2</sub> or other gases in the process of power generation</li> <li>Due to neighboring the demand area, there is no transmission loss</li> <li>Generate at daytime when the demand rises</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>○No fear of exhaustion</li> <li>○Emits no CO₂ or other gases in the process of power generation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No additional CO<sub>2</sub> emission by power generation</li> <li>Continuously supplied stable power source among new energies</li> </ul>
Demerits	<ul> <li>Due to low energy density*1, it needs much larger area than thermal and nuclear power generation for the same amount of power generation</li> <li>Unstable due to no generation at night and low power output in rainy or cloudy days</li> <li>High costs on facilities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Due to low energy density, it needs much larger area than thermal and nuclear power generation for the same amount of power generation</li> <li>Unstable due to occasional and seasonal volatility in wind directions and speed</li> <li>Makes noises when windmills rotate</li> <li>Locations where the wind situation is good are unevenly distributed</li> <li>High costs on facilities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Low generation efficiency</li> <li>Needs further environmental burden reduction measures such as dioxin emission control measures and ash reduction</li> </ul>
N	To substitute for a 1,000MW-class nuclear power plant		
Necessary Site Area <sup>*2</sup>	Approx. 58 km <sup>2</sup> , almost the same as the area inside the Yamanote Line (Tokyo Loop Line)	Approx. 214 km <sup>2</sup> , approx. 3.4 times larger than the area inside the Yamanote Line	
Load Factor	12%	20%	

\* 1 Energy density: the amount of power generation possible per the size of the space (area) used to generate it, expressed as a number.
 \* 2 Figures from the Study Group on Low Carbon Power Supply System (July 2008)

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### **Fluctuations in the Outputs of Solar and Wind Power**

# Fluctuations in the Output of Solar Power (Spring)



Capacity 3.2kW, latitude 34.4°N, longtitude 132.4°E azimuth angle 0°(due south), tilt angle 30°

# Fluctuations in the Output of Wind Power (Winter)



# Solar power generated varies with the weather and time of day.

# Wind power generated varies with the strength of the wind.

## Solar Power Generation Capacity in Japan and the World



### Wind Power Generation Capacity in Japan and the World



(Note) Figures may not add up to the totals due to rounding.

Source: \*1 Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Energy White Paper 2024 (Made with data of NEDO before 2003 and JWPA after 2004), \*2 IRENA, Renewable Capacity Statistics 2023

### **How Fuel Cells Work**

### Mechanism: Electricity produced by a chemical reaction between hydrogen and oxygen



#### Conceptual diagram of phosphoric acid fuel cell power generation

#### <Merits>

- OTotal thermal efficiency is higher when combined
  - with utilization of waste heat
- OAbsolutely no sulfur oxides (SOx) and almost no nitrogen oxides (NOx) generated
- OLittle noise
- $\bigcirc$ Can readily be installed where demand exists

#### <Demerits>

Hydrogen supply system is not yet properly established
 CO<sub>2</sub> generated when hydrogen produced using fossil fuels
 Low battery durability and low reliability as a system
 High equipment costs

## How a Heat Pump Hot Water Supply System Utilizing CO2 Refrigerant Works

### EcoCute



### **How Electric Vehicles Work**



### **Features**

- Low CO<sub>2</sub> emissions\*
   →30% of gasoline vehicles
- High overall efficiency\*
   →Primary energy input per 1km of driving is
  - approximately 30% that of gasoline vehicles
- Fuel cost is low
   →Less than 30% of gasoline vehicles
- Improvement of city environment
   →No gas emission, less noise, etc.

### Issues

- Batteries are expensive
- → Prices expected to drop as technology evolves and more are mass produced
- Batteries are large (heavy)
   →Expected to become smaller and lighter as technology advances
- Limited number of recharging stations
   →Will spread as electric vehicles become more common

\*CO2 emissions and overall efficiency are assessed in their entirety, from the production, supply and consumption of the energy.

### The Basic Concept of a Smart-Grid in Japan



Source: The Federation of Electric Power Companies of Japan, Environmental Action Plan by the Japanese Electric Utility Industry, with others

## **Outline of Feed-in Tariff Scheme for Renewable Energies**

