Launch of Japan Beyond Coal campaign to phase out coal power

Japan Beyond Coal, a campaign aiming to phase out all Japanese coal-fired power plants by 2030, launched today in Japan.

Currently, there are 163 coal-fired power units totaling 49,315MW operating in Japan, with an additional 17 units (9,924MW) planned or under construction. In order to prevent the climate crisis, it is necessary to limit the average global temperature increase to 1.5℃ above pre-industrial levels, which will require all developed countries, including Japan, to phase out coal-fired power plants by 2030.

The Japan Beyond Coal website will engage in activities to encourage and bolster action to phase out coal-fired power plants, and will share the following information:

- An interactive map regularly updated with the operating status and other information on coal-fired power plants in Japan.
- A countdown of coal-fired power plants in Japan with the aim of seeing all units progress to “retired” status.
- Share the latest developments on coal power in Japan and around the world, related activities of Japan Beyond Coal’s partner organizations, and other relevant information.

The September 29th launch webinar included messages for Japan Beyond Coal from Ms. Christiana Figueres, former Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; Dr. Seita Emori, Deputy Director of the Center for Global Environmental Research, National Institute for Environmental Studies; and Dr. Michiyo Morisawa, Head of the CDP Japan office.

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