

The Meeting Place For The Global LNG Industry

*LNG Exchanges with **Hiroki Sato, Senior Management Executive Officer & Division CEO, Global Business Division, Chubu Electric Power Co., Inc.***

- **What are the themes to frame market development in 2022/3, and what are the associated risks?**

Even if European countries could overcome this coming winter for gas demand, year 2023 would be also tough time because the starting up with zero storage. Furthermore, additional FSRU and receiving terminal will not start to operate during the year. On the other hand, additional capacity of LNG in the global market is still limited. 2023 is also tough year for the global LNG market but hopefully it would be the last year to be tough.

- **How can energy security be balanced with decarbonisation pledges?**

The blue segment is getting more important in the near term. The demand for Ammonia and CCUS would be more activate especially in the Asian market.

- **What do you consider the key disruptors to LNG through to 2040?**

MRV for methane emission would be more active such as taxation on top of CBAM. It would be wildcard for US LNG.

- **How can LNG stay affordable, reliable and abundant?**

Finance scheme would be necessary for the transition fuel such as LNG. Next to EU taxonomy, Asian taxonomy should be shown up.

- **You are speaking at the World LNG Summit this year. What are you most looking forward to at the event?**

The event in person itself would be most exciting for me and intensive discussion for climate neutrality during LNG conference would be very valuable.