

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Inaugural Australia-Japan meeting on hydrogen and derivatives formalises industry commitment and collaboration

Melbourne, Australia: The Australian Hydrogen Council (AHC) today co-hosted the first Australia-Japan meeting on hydrogen and derivatives with the Australia Japan Business Co-operation Committee (AJBCC) and Japan Australia Business Co-operation Committee (JABCC) as part of the 60th annual joint Australia-Japan business conference held in Melbourne.

During the meeting, a communique was signed by more than 26 organisations to establish a multi-stakeholder alliance focused on accelerating and increasing investment in clean energy technologies, and collectively creating a clean and resilient energy future that has hydrogen and derivatives as a key part of the energy mix.

The Australia-Japan meeting on hydrogen and derivatives will be held annually at the Australia-Japan business conference that alternates between the two nations. This industry-led meeting will focus on exploring ways to support investment, industry development and export cooperation between Australia and Japan. Participants will also share experiences, provide updates and future plans for the development of the hydrogen and derivatives industry.

CEO of the Australian Hydrogen Council Dr Fiona Simon said:

“It is fitting that the inaugural meeting on hydrogen and derivatives is held in a milestone year for Japan-Australia business relations, as this emerging industry represents arguably one of the biggest opportunities for our nations to prosper and succeed for the next 60 years.

“The shared commitment made today by industry recognises the significant strides we need to make to achieve a cleaner, and more sustainable world for current and future generations.

“Hydrogen and derivatives are critical for decarbonising hard to abate sectors that are not readily electrified such as steel, cement, jet fuels and chemicals and fertiliser production.

“With strong recognition from all participants about the role of hydrogen and derivatives, we are able to accelerate dialogue on research, development and deployment of clean molecules, and find solutions for these hard to abate sectors.

“We look forward to this ongoing annual meeting and continuing to strengthen business relationships between Australia and Japan to increase the pace and scale of investment in new energy supply chains across the Asia Pacific region.”

Companies in attendance at the inaugural Australia-Japan meeting on hydrogen and derivatives included:

1. ANZ
2. Australian Hydrogen Council
3. Australian Renewable Energy Hub
4. CIMIC
5. Fortescue
6. GFG Alliance

7. Infinite Green Energy
8. IHI Corporation
9. INPEX Corporation
10. ITOCHU
11. Japan Bank for International Cooperation
12. Kawasaki Heavy Industries
13. Kobe Steel
14. Kokusai Business Advisory
15. Marubeni Australia
16. Meidensha Corporation
17. Mizuho Bank Ltd
18. MUFG
19. Norinchukin Australia
20. Pollination
21. SMBC
22. Sojitz Corporation
23. Sumitomo Corporation
24. Tokyo Gas Company Ltd
25. UGL
26. Xodus Group

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About Australian Hydrogen Council

The Australian Hydrogen Council is the peak representative body for the Australian hydrogen industry, with members from across the hydrogen value chain. We represent the emerging hydrogen industry and connect it with its stakeholders to collectively create a clean and resilient energy future that has hydrogen as a key part of the energy mix.

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