

LNG Producer-Consumer Conference 2022

Speakers' Profile

[Session1: Opening Remarks and Keynote Speech]



H.E. NISHIMURA Yasutoshi
Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)
Japan

Mr. Nishimura Yasutoshi was appointed Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) on August 10, 2022. He also assumed the roles of Minister in charge of the Response to the Economic Impact caused by the Nuclear Accident, Minister for Green Transformation, Minister in charge of Industrial Competitiveness, Minister for Economic Cooperation with Russia, and Minister of State for the Nuclear Damage Compensation and Decommissioning Facilitation Corporation.

Between 2019 and 2021, Mr. Nishimura served as Minister in charge of Economic Revitalization. At this time, he also held ministerial positions overseeing social security reform and measures to address COVID 19 infections in Japan.

Mr. Nishimura also studied in the US, graduating from Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Maryland. He was born on October 15, 1962, in Hyogo Prefecture, in Japan's Kansai region.



H.E. Saad Sherida Al-Kaabi
Minister of State for Energy Affairs
State of Qatar

His Excellency Mr. Saad Sherida Al-Kaabi is the Minister of State for Energy Affairs in the State of Qatar, and the President & CEO of QatarEnergy. Mr. Al-Kaabi holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum & Natural Gas Engineering from Pennsylvania State University.

Since joining the company, Mr. Al-Kaabi held several key technical, commercial, and managerial positions before being appointed as the Director of the Oil & Gas Ventures.

In 2014, Mr. Al-Kaabi was appointed as President & CEO, and in 2018 as the Minister of State for Energy Affairs.



Dr. Fatih Birol
Executive Director, International Energy Agency (IEA)
France

Dr. Fatih Birol (@fbirol) has served as Executive Director of the International Energy Agency since 2015. After taking office, Dr. Birol led the IEA in its first comprehensive modernisation programme since its creation in 1974. These efforts focused on "opening the doors" of the IEA to major emerging economies; making the IEA the global hub for clean energy transitions; and broadening the IEA's energy security mandate beyond oil to also cover electricity, natural gas, renewables and the critical minerals needed in many of today's clean energy technologies. Dr. Birol has been named in the TIME100, TIME's annual list of the world's most influential people. He is the recipient of numerous state decorations, including the French Legion of Honour, the Japanese Emperor's Order of the Rising Sun, the Order of the Polar Star from the King of Sweden and the highest Presidential decorations from Austria, Germany and Italy.

[Session2: One-on-One Dialogue “Divide or Cooperation”]



Dr. Daniel Yergin
Vice Chairman, S&P Global
United States of America

Dr. Daniel Yergin is a highly respected authority on energy, international politics, and economics, and a Pulitzer Prize winner. He is Vice Chairman of S&P Global, with 35,000 employees around the world, and is chairman of S&P Global's CERAWEEK conference. Dr. Yergin is a member of the board of the Council on Foreign Relations, a senior trustee of the Brookings Institution, and a member of the Dallas Federal Reserve's Energy Advisory Council and of the Energy Think Tank of the government of India. He served on the U.S. Secretary of Energy Advisory Board under four presidents and, for a decade, was a member of the Singapore International Energy Panel. He holds a BA from Yale University and a Ph.D. from Cambridge University, where he was a Marshall Scholar.



Mr. HOSAKA Shin
Commissioner, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy,
Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)

Japan

Mr. Hosaka has served as Commissioner since July 2020. As head of the agency, he oversees all areas of energy policy including developing Japan's Strategic Energy Plan, assuring secure energy supply, regulating the electricity & gas sectors, as well as promoting renewable energy and conservation. During his career, he has held various posts, including Director-General of the Trade and Economic Cooperation Bureau. He is a graduate of the University of Tokyo's Department of Economics, Faculty of Economics, and also studied at the University of Michigan in the United States.

[Session3: Keynote Speeches “Investment in LNG and Natural Gas / Importance of LNG and Natural Gas in Energy Security”]



Mr. Jesper Koll

**Expert Director for the Monex Group and the Japan Catalyst Fund
Germany**

Jesper Koll has been researching and investing in Japan since becoming a resident in 1986. Over the past two decades, Jesper has been consistently recognized as one of the top Japan strategists/economists, having worked as Chief Strategist and Head of Research for U.S. investment banks J.P. Morgan and Merrill Lynch. He currently serves as Expert Director for the Monex Group and the Japan Catalyst Fund (Japan’s 1st retail investor based corporate engagement/activist fund). His analysis and insights have earned him a position on several Japanese government and corporate advisory committees, including Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike’s Advisory team. He serves on the Board of Directors of OIST (Okinawa Institute of Science & Technology) and is the Chairman of the Asia Society Japan Policy Committee. He also sits in three Japan-based bio- and tech startups. Jesper is an economist, angel-investor, patron; and yes, a Japan Optimist.



Mr. Mike Wirth

**Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Chevron Corporation
United States of America**

Wirth joined Chevron in 1982. He was appointed Chairman and CEO in February of 2018. Previously, he served as Vice Chairman of the Board in 2017 and Executive Vice President of Midstream & Development from 2016 to 2018. Wirth was Executive Vice President of Downstream & Chemicals from 2006 to 2015. Wirth serves on the board of directors of Catalyst, is Chairman of the American Petroleum Institute and is a member of the National Petroleum Council, the Business Roundtable, the World Economic Forum International Business Council and the American Society of Corporate Executives.



Mr. Dan Brouillette

**President, Sempra Infrastructure
United States of America**

Dan Brouillette is president of Sempra Infrastructure. He served as the 15th United States Secretary of Energy and as U.S. Deputy Secretary of Energy, the department’s chief operating officer. In the private sector, Mr. Brouillette has served as senior vice president and corporate officer of USAA and vice president of Ford Motor Company. He is also a former tank commander with the U.S. Army’s highly decorated 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and has been awarded Distinguished Public Service awards by the U.S. government. He holds a master’s degree in intelligence and national security from The Citadel and a bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Maryland.

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Mr. HAYASHI Nobumitsu

Governor, Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)
Japan

Mr. Hayashi started his professional career at the Ministry of Finance, Government of Japan upon graduating the University of Tokyo in 1980. Since then, he held various senior positions at the Ministry, in charge of economic policy, government finance, and international finance, including Director-General of the Finance Bureau and President of the Policy Research Institute, and finally was appointed Commissioner of the National Tax Administration in 2014. He was Executive Assistant to Prime Minister from 2007 to 2008 and, from 2010 to 2012, served as Executive Director for Japan at the World Bank Group.



Ms. Meg O'Neill

CEO and Managing Director, Woodside Energy
Australia

Meg O'Neill was appointed Woodside Energy Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director in August 2021. She has 27 years' experience in the global oil and gas industry, with positions and responsibilities extending across North America, Africa, Europe, Asia, and Australia. Meg joined Woodside Energy as Chief Operations Officer in May 2018, responsible for Woodside's producing facilities and supporting production, logistics, drilling, HSEQ and reservoir management activities. In October 2019, Meg became Executive Vice President Development, which encompassed the delivery of all of Woodside's major projects, and in August 2020, she also assumed responsibility for Marketing.

Closing Remarks



Mr. SADAMITSU Yuki

**Director-General, Natural Resources and Fuel Department,
Agency for Natural Resources and Energy,
Ministry of Economy, Trade & Industry (METI)**

Japan

Appointed to the current role in July 2021. He supervises securing stable supply of natural resources including oil, natural gas, coal, geothermal and mineral resources, and maintaining fuel supply network including refinery and service stations. He is also responsible for promotion of new fuel technologies and carbon recycling.

Mr. Sadamitsu holds a bachelor of Laws from the University of Tokyo and a Master in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.