



## Participated in the Nikkei Forum "Global GX / Financial Conference Sapporo"

On December 16th and 17th, 2024, the GX Acceleration Agency participated in the Nikkei Forum "Global GX / Financial Conference Sapporo" held in Sapporo City. Mr. Shigetake, COO of the GX Acceleration Agency, gave a speech, and Directors Kajikawa and Takada each participated in panel discussions.

### 1. Overview of the Nikkei Forum "Global GX/Financial Conference Sapporo"

[Date] Monday, December 16, and Tuesday, December 17, 2024

[Organizers] City of Sapporo, Nikkei Inc. , TV Hokkaido

In the forum, trends and prospects in renewable energy development driven by collaboration with the Team Sapporo-Hokkaido (\*), as well as challenges and future visions related to GX and finance, were discussed by domestic and international experts.

The forum provided, in Sapporo, a valuable opportunity for diverse stakeholders, including government representatives from Europe and the US, to express their expectations for the government's supports toward GX investments in Hokkaido, considering global trends in this area.

(\*)Team Sapporo-Hokkaido : A consortium established in June 2023 which aims to utilize Hokkaido's renewable energy potential and realize the "Asia and World Financial Center" by accumulating funding, human resources and information related to GX from around the world.





## 2. Summary of the speech and panel discussions

### (1) Speech

[Date] Monday, December 16, 2024, 13:30-13:50

[Speaker] Naoki Shigetake, COO, GX Acceleration Agency

In this speech, COO Shigetake explained the 'balance of support and regulation' and the focus on 'transition' as key characteristics of the Japanese government's GX promotion strategy, as well as the role of the GX Acceleration Agency established to implement this strategy.

Furthermore, considering the potential of renewable energy in Hokkaido, he presented the perspective of 'pursuing scale and scope' to accelerate private sector investments by both domestic and international investors in various industries. He also highlighted the concept of 'further enhancing overall competitiveness' by building multiple supply chains that include different sectors of renewable energy.





(2) Panel Discussion: Future Vision of GX and Regional Collaboration developed by Enterprises

[Date] Monday, December 16, 2024, 15:30-16:10

[Speaker]

Panelist:

Chisato Kawamura, President, Hokkaido Gas

Hiroto Uehara, Executive Officer, Panasonic Operational Excellence

Kaori Nemoto, Innovation Planning Director, Research Design Headquarters,  
Hakuhodo

Moderator:

Fumihiro Kajikawa, Director, GX Acceleration Agency

In the panel discussion, Director Kajikawa served as the moderator and discussed with the panelists the trends of renewable energy projects in Hokkaido, GX-related co-creation in various regions in the world, and the 'future vision' developed by the GX League.

He also mentioned the GX Acceleration Agency's collaboration with Hokkaido and Sapporo in advancing industrial structural changes and industrial location developments driven by GX initiatives.





### (3) Panel Discussion

Sustainable Finance: Sapporo's Potential towards the GX International Financial City

[Date] Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 15:50-16:30

[Speaker]

Panelist:

Satoshi Ikeda, Director of the Strategy Development Division, Financial Services Agency

Sean Kidney, CEO, Climate Bonds Initiative

Bert Hunter, Chief Investment Officer, Connecticut Green Bank

Moderator:

Hideki Takada, Director, GX Acceleration Agency

In the panel discussion, Director Takada explained the role of the GX Acceleration Agency and moderated discussions with the panelists on topics such as: the Japanese government's policies and initiatives related to sustainable finance and Special Zones for Financial and Asset Management Businesses; the financing of clean energy projects in the US; and the expectations for Japan's GX and the financing to support future GX projects in Hokkaido and Sapporo.



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