

How will microgrids impact Japan's Energy Future?

As microgrids appear across the country, they will play an increasingly important role alongside the grid system to deliver clean and reliable power. Japan is currently aiming for 22%-24% of its energy to be produced by renewable sources by 2030, which will include 64GW of solar power.

When did microgrids start in Japan?

The first microgrids in Japan were New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization-financed projects initiated in Aichi, Kyoto and Hachinohe in 2003. A variety of energy sources were tested, in particular gas engines, and their success was demonstrated in the years that followed.

Does Japan need a microgrid?

The 9.0 magnitude earthquake, which hit off the coast of Sanriku, caused vast amounts of damage to Japan's energy infrastructure, increasing the need for the project roll-out. "It has been accelerated due to the 2011 Great East Japan disaster, and about JPY45bn of funding has been granted" for further development of microgrids, says Kashiwagi.

Why are microgrid systems becoming more popular in Japan?

The success of projects such as Higashi Matsushima eco city has increased the popularity of microgrid systems in Japan. In August 2017, the Cabinet Office announced it would be increasing National Resilience Programme funding by 24%, as of April 2018.

What are microgrids & how do they work?

Microgrids consist of interconnected distributed energy resources, grouped into single, controllable entities. They can act both as part of the wider grid system or separately, and so are particularly useful during grid outages.

Can a microgrid power a power outage?

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The microgrid market in Japan is expected to expand dramatically. Micro-grid design and modeling capabilities, and specialized control software to manage and balance micro-grids are required, as well as asset control software and hardware. These areas could present partnership opportunities for overseas companies.

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