

# LNG Producer-Consumer Conference 2024

## Participants' Profile

### Co-Chairs of LNGPCC 2024



#### **Mr. MURASE Yoshifumi**

##### **Commissioner of the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy Japan**

As head of this key METI agency, he oversees all areas of resource and energy policies. His responsibilities cover a wide range of programs encompassing the planning of the Government of Japan's energy policies and strategies. Key programs include measures to promote; the wider adoption of new energy sources to support zero-emission strategies, energy saving measures, and the expansion of renewable energy. As Commissioner, Mr. Murase also oversees METI programs designed to secure stable supplies of energy resources and fuels including oil and gas. His remit also covers oversight electricity and gas supply including nuclear energy generation as well as building systems for energy infrastructure and markets.



#### **Mr. SADAMORI Keisuke**

##### **Director, Energy Markets and Security, IEA**

Keisuke Sadamori took up his duties as Director of the Office for Energy Markets and Security at the International Energy Agency in October 2012. Previously, he held the post of Deputy Director General for Policy Co-ordination at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) in Japan. He had been involved with the IEA for a number of years as IEA Governing Board Representative for Japan and as Co-Chair of the [Standing Group on Long Term Co-operation](#). Over the years, Mr Sadamori has served in the Cabinet of the Prime Minister of Japan and has co-ordinated numerous important projects, including work following the Fukushima-Daiichi accident in March 2011.

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**Ms. Meghan Quinn PSM**

**Secretary of the Department of Industry, Science and Resources**  
Australia

Meghan brings a wealth of experience from her former positions at Treasury, the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Bank of England.

Throughout her career she has provided advice on a wide range of economic policy areas including financial markets, superannuation, corporate governance, international relations, structural reform, industry policy, macroeconomics, climate change mitigation, forecasting and modelling.

Meghan holds a Masters of Economics from the London School of Economics, a Bachelor of Economics (First Class Honours) from the University of Western Australia and was awarded a Public Service Medal in 2009 for outstanding public service in the development of climate change policy.



**Mr. Matthew Baldwin**

**Deputy Director-General, DG ENER, European Commission**  
Belgium

He has served in the European Commission for 27 years. He was previously Deputy Director General in DG MOVE where he ran the Mission for 100 Climate Neutral Cities by 2030, and also served as the EU coordinator for road safety and sustainable urban mobility. He was previously Director for Aviation in DG MOVE, and Director for Market Access in DG Trade. He has also served in senior positions in the cabinets of President Barroso, and Commissioners Lamy and Hill.



**Mr. Hamed Mohamed Al-Naamany**

**Chief Executive Officer, OmanLNG**

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### **Mr. Ezhar Yazid Jaafar**

**Chief Representative of PETRONAS Representative Office Japan  
MALAYSIA**

Ezhar Yazid Jaafar has been Chief Representative of PETRONAS Representative Office, Japan since February 2020. He holds a Civil Engineering degree from the University of Wollongong and an MBA from the University of Queensland. With over 34 years at PETRONAS, Ezhar has held various senior roles, including CEO of PETRONAS LNG Ltd., where he led LNG marketing and trading. His expertise spans project management, business development, and energy strategy, including national gas policy, gas sales agreements, and infrastructure projects, significantly contributing to PETRONAS' Gas & Power Business and Malaysian gas management.



### **Mutia Ramli Djaafar, SE Ak, MSc**

**VP LNG of PT Pertamina (Persero)  
INDONESIA**

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Currently, she serves as the Vice President of LNG at PT Pertamina (Persero). Previously, she held senior roles, including Vice President of Commercial & Monetization at PT Pertamina Hulu Energi and Vice President of Commercial & Legal at VICO Indonesia from 2016 to 2018. She was also a Commissioner at PT Badak NGL during the same period.

Mutia holds a degree in Accounting from the University of Padjadjaran (Bandung) and a Master of Science in International Money and Banking from Birmingham University (UK).



### **Miss Thanawadee Jaem On**

**Engineer of EGAT**

Thailand

Since 2011, she began her career in the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) division at EGAT, focusing on contract management and negotiation. Before transitioning to EGAT's Fuel Department in 2022, she was part of a special team advancing EGAT's green energy tariff initiative. She then focused on mergers and acquisitions (M&A) in LNG terminal project. After completing this work, she joined the LNG business unit in 2024, overseeing Business Development, MSPA, SPA, and related contracts, supporting Thailand's energy security.

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**Mr Paul Everingham**  
CEO, Asia Natural Gas & Energy Association

Paul Everingham is the inaugural CEO of the Asia Natural Gas & Energy Association, based in Singapore. ANGEA works with governments and industry to support development of policies that provide energy security, affordability and sustainability.

Paul has extensive experience in the gas and energy sector, having worked with some of Asia's Pacific's largest operations. Prior to joining ANGEA, he was Chief Executive of the Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia.

Paul previously founded and led his own corporate advisory firm and worked for the Australian Federal Government.



**Mr. Anatol Feygin**  
Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer of Cheniere United States

Anatol Feygin has served as EVP and CCO since September 2016. Mr. Feygin joined Cheniere in March 2014 as SVP, Strategy and Corporate Development. Mr. Feygin also currently serves as EVP and CCO of Cheniere Partners, and as a director and EVP and CCO of Cheniere Holdings. Prior to joining Cheniere, Mr. Feygin worked with Loews Corporation, Bank of America, and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. Mr. Feygin earned a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Rutgers University and an M.B.A. in Finance from the Leonard N. Stern School of Business at New York University.



**Mr. Brian Essner**  
Vice President, LNG Origination and Commercial, Chevron Singapore

Brian Essner is responsible for Chevron Gas Supply & Trading's global origination, business development and other long term commercial negotiations for LNG. Previously, Brian led the Eastern Mediterranean business unit's commercialization activities for 40+ trillion cubic feet of assets and transactions in and among Israel, Jordan, Egypt, and Cyprus. Brian joined Chevron in 2020 as part of the acquisition of Noble Energy, which he joined in 2015. His extensive 20+ years of experience covers LNG and crude supply & trading, multinational negotiations, cross-border transactions, upstream commercial management, and midstream development.

## Session 1: Ceremonial Part



### **Mr. OMOTO Hiroaki**

**Managing Executive Officer & Deputy Chief Operating Officer of Power Generation Div.**

**Chief Operating Officer of Carbon Neutrality Promotion Div.**

**The Chugoku Electric Power Co., Inc.**

Japan

Apr 1984 Joined THE CHUGOKU ELECTRIC POWER CO., INC.

Jun 2020 Executive Officer, General Manager of Tokyo Office

Jun 2022 Managing Executive Officer & Deputy Chief Operating Officer of Power Generation Div.

Chief Operating Officer of Carbon Neutrality Promotion Div.



### **Dr Nuki Agya Utama**

**Head of Asia Zero Emission Center,**

**ERIA (Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia)**

Dr. Nuki Agya Utama is a prominent energy expert currently serving as the Head of the Asia Zero Emission Center (AZE Center) at the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA). Formerly the Executive Director of the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE), he has played a pivotal role in advancing regional energy cooperation and sustainability through high-impact collaborations with international organizations like the Green Climate Fund (GCF), USAID, the World Bank, and governments from Norway, Japan, Germany, and France. His expertise spans renewable energy, energy efficiency, and green design, with advisory roles at the Asia Pacific Energy Research Centre (APERC), and the UN ESCAP.

With a PhD in Environment and Energy Technology, Dr. Utama has held key positions in both academia and industry, including NIKE Inc. He has also completed a Post-Doctoral fellowship at Kyoto University and during his initial career he worked with the UN Environment Programme and UN Development Programme.



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### **Mr. JEAN ABITEBOUL**

**President, GIIGNL**

France

Jean Abiteboul is the Founder & CEO of JA Energy Consulting and former Senior Vice-President at Cheniere Energy. With a degree in Engineering from Ecole Centrale de Lyon and Economics, he started his career at Gaz de France (now Engie) in 1975, holding leadership roles in gas supply, trading, and marketing, including President of Gaselys. Jean joined Cheniere in 2006, becoming President of Cheniere Marketing until his retirement in 2016. In 2020, he was appointed President of GIIGNL and a non-executive Director of Tellurian, Inc.



### **Mr. NAKAGAWA Tomohiko**

**President of Hiroshima Gas Co., Ltd.**

Japan

April 1987 Joined Hiroshima Gas Co., Ltd.

April 2024 President and CEO



### **Mr. MARUYAMA Takuya**

**General Manager in charge of Fuels Office Thermal Power Dept.  
Hokkaido Electric Power Co., Inc.**

Takuya Maruyama earned his Bachelor's and Master's in Chemical Engineering from Tokyo Institute of Technology in 1995 and 1997, respectively. He obtained an MBA from Keio University in 2008. Maruyama joined Hokkaido Electric Power Co., Inc. in 1997, progressing through various roles, including Secretary to the President in 2010 and Deputy Manager at Tomatoh-Atsuma Power Station in 2015. He became Manager of Fuel Group 1 in 2018, Leader in 2019, and General Manager of the Fuels Office in 2023.

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### **Mr. KAWAMURA Chisato**

**President, Hokkaido Gas Co., Ltd.**

JAPAN

Apr 1992 Joined Hokkaido Gas Co., Ltd.

Apr 2017 General Manager, Energy Planning Dept

Apr 2021 Executive Officer, General Manager, Digital Transformation and Structural Reform Promotion Dept

June 2022 President, In charge of Audit Department and Risk Management, General Manager, Digital Transformation and Structural Reform Promotion Division



### **Mr. SHIOTANI Seisho**

**Representative Director & Executive Vice President,  
Hokuriku Electric Power Company**

Japan

April, 1983 Entering Hokuriku Electric Power Company

June, 2014 General Manager of Thermal Power Dept.

June, 2016 Executive officer & General Manager of Thermal Power Dept.

June, 2018 Director & Managing Executive officer

June, 2022 Director & Executive Vice President

June, 2023 Representative Director & Executive Vice President



### **Mr. Hiroshi Kato**

**Managing Executive Officer, Senior Vice President of Global Energy  
Marketing of INPEX CORPORATION**

Hiroshi Kato is Managing Executive Officer, Senior Vice President, Global Energy Marketing of INPEX CORPORATION, Japan's largest oil and gas exploration and production company. He has served SVP since 2022 and is responsible for marketing and trading for oil and gas on INPEX's projects and its global portfolio, as well as clean ammonia. Mr. Kato has over 30 years experience of hydro-carbon marketing serving as Manager and General Manager for Oil Marketing, Senior Manager of Gas & Crude Oil Marketing Department in INPEX's Jakarta Office.

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### **Mr. TSUGARU Ryosuke**

**Senior Managing Executive Officer, Chief Low Carbon Fuel Officer (CLCFO) and Head of the LNG Division, JERA Co., Inc.**

Japan

Ryosuke Tsugaru took up the position of JERA in April 2024. In this role, he oversees the LNG value chain and leads the development of hydrogen and ammonia value chains. With a career spanning over three decades, Ryosuke has devoted himself to the global energy sector. He possesses deep expertise in LNG development and a profound understanding of the LNG value chain. Before his tenure at JERA, Ryosuke dedicated over 30 years to Mitsubishi Corporation, where he held key senior positions in the energy sector.



### **Mr. MURATA Yasuhiko**

**Senior General Manager, Carbon Neutrality & Business Transformation Unit, Operation and Trading Division (Fuel), The Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc**

Japan

Mr. Murata has over 20 years of experience in commercial, logistics, and trading, with a strong background in upstream roles across Australia, Singapore, and Japan. His current role focuses on offsetting KEPCO's CO2 emissions and promoting carbon-neutral business by applying the expertise he has developed in the LNG sector.

Mr. Murata holds a Bachelor of Arts in Indonesian Language from Osaka University of Foreign Studies.



### **Mr. KAWAMOTO Kenichi**

**Deputy Director of Planning & Balance Optimization Division  
Energy Service Headquarters  
Kyushu Electric Power Co., Inc.**

Japan

- From June 2024: current position
- From June 2023: Senior General Manager of Energy Trading Dept.
- April 1992: Joined Kyushu Electric Power Co., Inc.



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**Mr. ONOJIMA Kyo**  
President & CEO  
LNG JAPAN CORPORATION  
Japan



**Mr. YAMAZAKI Masahiro**  
**Executive Officer, COO, Energy Div. of Marubeni Corporation**  
JAPAN  
April 2014 MIECO INC. President and Chief Executive Officer  
May 2020 Senior Operating Officer, Energy Div.  
General Manager, New Energy Business Development Dept.  
April 2022 Senior Operating Officer, Energy Div.  
April 2024 Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Energy Div.



**Mr. KUNIHICO Gen**  
**Division COO, LNG Asia-Pacific Division,**  
**Environmental Energy Group, Mitsubishi Corporation**  
Japan  
Gen Kunihiro joined Mitsubishi Corporation(MC) in 1992. Started carrier in steel pipe export business from Japan to overseas oil and gas projects. LNG experience from 2003 and worked on various roles in projects such as Sakhalin 2, Australian NWS as well as Browse. In terms of LNG marketing and trading, he was CEO of Diamond Gas International (100% Subsidiary of MC located in Singapore) until 2023. Assumed Division COO, LNG Asia-Pacific Division overseeing the company's equity position in January 2024.

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### **Mr. YAMAGUCHI Kenichiro**

**Executive Managing Officer, COO Energy Business Unit II (Global LNG), Mitsui & Co., Ltd.**

Japan

1990 Joined Mitsui & Co.

2016 GM, Natural Gas Div. III

2017 GM, Global Gas Trading Div.

2018 GM, E&P Div.

2021 Managing Officer, GM Financial Management & Advisory Div. III

2022 Managing Officer, GM Investment Administrative Div.

2024 current position



### **Mr. TSUMAGARI Sadatoshi**

**President, Nippon Gas Co., Ltd.**

JAPAN

Mr. Tsumagari serves as the President of Nippon Gas. He became a Director in 1998 and promoted to Managing Director in 2002, overseeing corporate operations and LNG procurement. Since assuming the role of President in 2008, leading initiatives in the electricity business and agriculture sectors. He has been demonstrating a strong commitment to decarbonization. In 2022, he initiated a project to utilize biogas from garbage incineration facility as a raw material for city gas.



### **Mr. NAKAHODO Hiraku**

**Director Managing Executive Officer,  
The Okinawa Electric Power Company, Inc.**

JAPAN

April 1992 Joined The Company

June 2020 Director and General Manager of Power Generation Department, Power Generation Division (Deputy Division Manager of Power Generation Division)

June 2023 Director, Managing Executive Officer (Division Manager of Power Generation Division and Division Manager of Carbon Neutrality Division) (to the present)

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**Mr. FUJITA Takenori**  
**Executive Officer, Senior General Manager**  
**LNG Trading Department, Osaka Gas Co., Ltd.**  
**Japan**

Mr. Takenori Fujita has been appointed as Senior General Manager of LNG Trading Department since April 2021. In the recent 10 years prior to that, he has served as General Manage of Investor Relations Office, Group Corporate Strategy team, and Strategy Planning Team of Power Business Development Department. He joined Osaka Gas in 1993. He graduated from Kyoto University (BA in Economics).



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Mutia holds a degree in Accounting from the University of Padjadjaran (Bandung) and a Master of Science in International Money and Banking from Birmingham University (UK).



**Mr. MIZOGUCHI Takayoshi**  
**Director, Associate Senior Executive Officer, Head of Global Energy Division, Saibu Gas Co., Ltd.**

Japan

April 1987 Joined Saibu Gas Co., Ltd.

April 2022 Executive Officer, Senior General Manager, International Energy Business Dept.

April 2023 Associate Senior Executive Officer, Senior General Manager, LNG Business Dept.

April 2024 Director, Associate Senior Executive Officer, Head of Global Energy Div.



**Mr. Sean Rodrigues**  
**Country Manager Japan & Senior Vice President Marketing, Business Development, Santos Limited**

Japan

Sean Rodrigues is Country Manager Japan & Senior Vice President Marketing, Business Development for Santos. Based in Tokyo, Japan Sean's key accountability is to represent and facilitate Santos's representative activities associated with marketing, trading, shipping and business development in the Asia Pacific. Sean joined Santos in late 2021.

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### **Mr. ITO Yuko**

**Deputy Director General, Gas Bureau, City of Sendai**

Japan

present post (Apr. 2022 - present)

Senior Director of Marketing Promotion Department, Gas Bureau (Apr. 2018 - Mar. 2022)

Director, Electoral Administration Committee Secretariat (Apr. 2015 - Mar. 2018)

Director, Waterworks Bureau (May 2011 - Mar. 2015)

Director, Public Health and Welfare Bureau (Apr. 2009 - Apr. 2011)



### **Mr. HAYASHI Yoshiaki**

**General Manager of Fuels Department, Thermal Power Division  
Shikoku Electric Power Co., Inc.**

Japan

Apr. 1991 Joined Shikoku Electric Power Co., Inc.

Mar. 2016 Manager of Fuels Planning Group, Fuels Dept.

Mar. 2019 Manager of LNG Sales Planning Group, Industrial & Commercial  
Customer Service Dept., Marketing & Customer Relations Division

Mar. 2021 Deputy General Manager of Fuels Dept.

Jun. 2022 General Manager of Fuels Dept.



### **Mr. KANEDA Hirotaka**

**Senior Operating Officer Senior General Manager, Global Energy Div.  
Shizuoka Gas Co., Ltd.**

Japan

(1990)Joined Shizuoka Gas Co., Ltd.

(2017)Operating Officer and General Manager, Human Resources Dept.

(2021)Operating Officer, General Manager, Industrial Sales Dept., Sales Div. and  
Representative Director and President, Shizuoka Gas Engineering Co., Ltd.

(2023)Senior Operating Officer and Senior General Manager, Global Energy Div.

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**Mr. ASO Koji**  
**Managing Executive Officer**  
**Group CEO, Energy Transformation Business Group**  
**Sumitomo Corporation**  
 Japan



**Mr. KOBAYASHI Takeshi**  
**Executive Officer, General Manager of Gas Resources Department**  
**TOHO GAS Co., Ltd.**  
 Japan

Mr. Kobayashi joined TOHO GAS Co., Ltd. in April 1994. He served as the General Manager of Yokkaichi Works from June 2017 and as the General Manager of Production Planning Department from June 2019. Since April 2024, he has been the Executive Officer and General Manager of the Gas Resources Department.



**Mr. GOTO Hideaki**  
**General Manager, Fuels Department, Power Generation Company**  
**Tohoku Electric Power Co., Inc.**  
 Japan

March 1990 Faculty of Economics, Fukushima University  
 1990 Joined Tohoku Electric Power Co., Inc.  
 2019 General Manager, Mizusawa Power Network Center,  
 Tohoku Electric Power Network Co., Inc.  
 2021 Deputy General Manager, Fuels Department,  
 April 2024 General Manager, Fuels Department

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### **Ms. YAO Yumiko**

**Executive Officer, Senior General Manager of LNG Business Department, Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd.**

Japan

Joined Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd. in 1993. She has been Executive Officer, Senior General Manager of LNG business Department, Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd. as well as President of Tokyo LNG Tanker Co., Ltd. since 2024.

She has extensive work experience in Global Business, International events promotion (Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic etc.).

She earned a Bachelor of Law from Sophia University in 1993 and MBA from University of Notre Dame, USA in 1999.



### **Mr. YAMADA Masaki**

**General Manager, LNG Office Japan, TotalEnergies**

Japan

Joined TotalEnergies in 2003, having had positions in Tokyo, Paris and London. The Company's representative for LNG business in Japan since 2013.



### **Mr. George J. Gilboy**

**Vice President Woodside and Chief Representative Japan**

As Vice President Woodside and Chief Representative Japan, George is responsible for engaging Japanese partners, customers, and government to support Woodside business, including LNG and New Energy (Ammonia, Hydrogen, and Carbon). George heads Woodside's Japan office in Tokyo. From 2013 to 2018 George was Chief Economist and Vice President Business Environment. Based in Perth, he led a team responsible for Woodside's corporate forecasts and business planning assumptions. From 2005 to 2013, George was Woodside's Chief Representative in China, based in Beijing.