# A paradigm shift and Post-Kyoto international framework:

- Japanese approach -

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#### Japan's formal position

Mr. Yukio Hatoyama's speech at the UN, Sept 22, 2009

- Mid-term target: 25% reduction in 2020 (base year 1990)
- Based on
- 1) a fair and effective international framework in which all major economies participate
- 2) agreement on ambitious targets by all major economies
- The above preconditions will never be met
- Hence no formal mid-term target now
- CANNOT accept an extension of the Kyoto Protocol (17% coverage is never effective)

#### Paradigm Shift

#### From Top-down to Bottom-up

- Collapse of the Kyoto Framework
- Pledge and Review (each country commits what it can achieve)
- A country will do its best (no penalty toward other countries)

#### Why the shift occur?

- International community was not convinced at 2 degree target (since pre-industrialization)
- Each country has its own priority

# Science does not require 2 degree target

CO <sub>2</sub> concentration <sup>c)</sup> (ppm)	CO <sub>2</sub> -eq concentration <sup>c)</sup> (ppm)	Global mean temperature increase above pre-industrial at equilibrium, using "best estimate" climate sensitivity <sup>b), c)</sup> (°C)	Peaking year for CO <sub>2</sub> emissions <sup>d)</sup>	Change in global CO <sub>2</sub> emissions in 2050 (% of 2000 emissions) <sup>d)</sup>	
350-400	445-490	2.0-2.4	2000-2015	-85 to -50	
400-440	490-535	2.4-2.8	2000-2020	-60 to -30	
440-485	535-590	2.8-3.2	2010-2030	-30 to +5	
485-570	590-710	3.2-4.0	2020-2060	+10 to +60	
570-660	710-855	4.0-4.9	2050-2080	+25 to +85	
660-790	855-1130	4.9-6.1	2060-2090	+90 to +140	

**IPCC AR5** 

 IPCC's role: Policy relevant but not policy prescriptive (No recommendation nor conclusion)

#### Article 2 of the UNFCCC

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#### Stabilization at the level not dangerous

Such a level should be achieved within a time-frame sufficient to allow ecosystems to adapt naturally to climate change, to ensure that food production is not threatened and to enable economic development to proceed in a sustainable manner

#### IPCC WG3 Ch.1

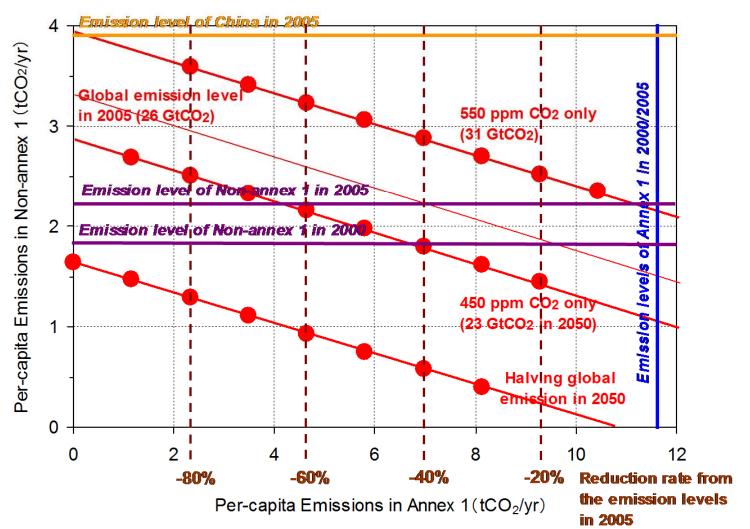
-- the balancing of the risks of climate change (risks of gradual change and of extreme events, risk of irreversible change of the climate, including risks for food security, ecosystems and sustainable development) against the risk of response measures that may threaten economic sustainability.

There is little consensus as to what constitutes anthropogenic interference with the climate system and, thereby, on how to operationalize Article 2.

#### Sustainable Economic Growth

#### Feasibility of 2 degree (50% global reduction by 2050)

#### **Per-capita Emissions for Global Targets**



China 3.9t→1.3t (80% reduction for Annex 1), 1.6t (zero emission for Annex 1)

Source: RITE

### Technology is a key toward substantial reduction Room for Japan's contribution

• CO2 emissions = 
$$\frac{\text{CO2 emissions}}{\text{GDP}} \times \text{GDP}$$

Δ CO2/CO2

$$= \frac{\Delta (\text{CO2 emissions/GDP})}{\text{CO2 emissions/GDP}} + \frac{\Delta \, \text{GDP}}{\text{GDP}}$$

=Technology improvement ratio +GDP growth ratio

Global BAU GDP in 2050 will be \$122 Trillion. 80% reduction corresponds to \$24.4 trillion, that is 23% less that that in 2000. Source: WB, UN and IPCC B2 scenario

To achieve 50% reduction					
GDP loss(%)	Tech. imp. ratio(%)				
0	3.856				
10	3.681				
20	3.485				
30	3.262				
40	3.005				
50	2.701				
80	1.174				

Tech. imp. ratio of 1.227%					
CO2 reduction(%)	GDP loss (%)				
0	58.710				
10	62.839				
20	66.968				
30	71.097				
40	75.226				
50	79.355				

Average annual technology improvement ratio since 1970 is 1.227%.

#### Major economies must participate

(cumulative contributions to temperature increase)

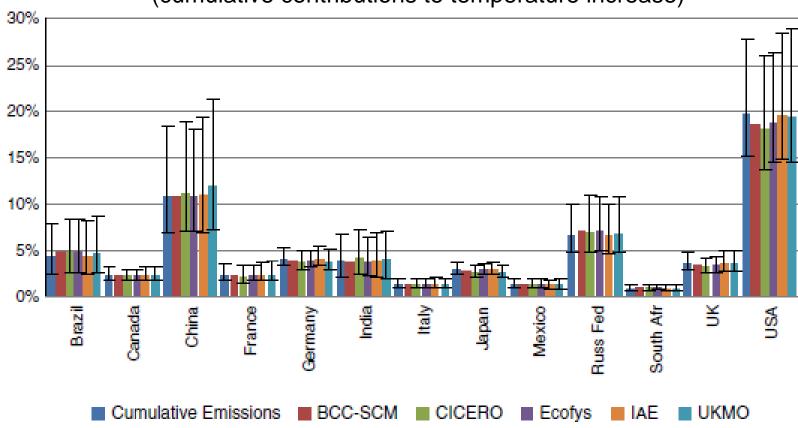


Fig. 4 Relative contribution to cumulative emissions (first bar) and to temperature increase in 2005 by different models (bars 2 to 6) from emissions from 1900 to 2005 of CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O including LUCF for selected countries. Error bars show the uncertainty only due to historical emission estimates. (BCC did not calculate uncertainty)

# Equity by various criteria Japan's mid-term target

	Equal reduction from BAU	Equal MAC	Equal cost No trade	Equql cost With trade	Equal per capita	Triptych
Japan	<b>-9</b>	±0	-8	-11	-18	-8
USA	±0	±0	+1	+1	-2	±0
EU27	-27	-26	-30	-31	-22	-25
Annex 1	-20	-20	-20	-20	-20	-20
20% reduction case (upper) and 30% reduction case (lower) for Annex 1 as a group						
Japan	-20	-13	-20	<b>—25</b>	-28	-15
USA	-12	-14	-13	-10	<b>—14</b>	<b>—</b> 16
EU27	<b>-</b> 36	<b>—</b> 34	<b>-39</b>	<b>-42</b>	<b>-</b> 32	-32
Annex 1	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30	-30

Den Elsen et al. Analysing comparable greenhouse gas mitigation efforts for Annex 1 countries, Energy Policy 37 (2009).

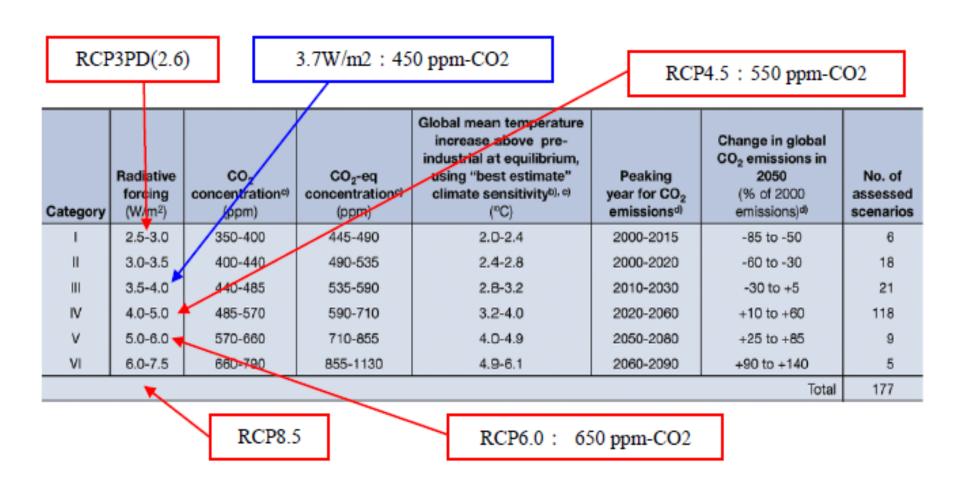
US emissions in 2010 is assumed as +26% (in stead of -7%) in comparison to 1990.

### Thank you

#### Is 2 degree increase dangerous?

- It is very likely that all regions will experience either declines in net benefits or increases in net costs for increases in temperature greater than 2-3 °C (above 1990 levels) (IPCC AR4 WG2 p.17)
- Corresponds to 2.6 to 3.6 degree since preindustrialization
- No adaptation considered
   Unrealistic
- 2 degree is not the dangerous level

## RCP (Representative Concentration Pathways) Several stabilization pathways for IPCC AR5



Source: Dr. K. Akimoto, RITE