



His Excellency Shigeru Ishiba
Prime Minister of Japan
Tokyo, Japan

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Re: Energy discussions at the upcoming Group of Seven (G7) Meetings June

Dear Prime Minister,

As Indigenous Organizations advancing responsible energy development in Canada, we look forward to hosting you and other Group of Seven (G7) leaders in Kananaskis, Alberta, located on Treaty 7 territory, next month. Our Peoples have lived on and stewarded these lands for millennia, and our commitment to the people and the land continues, even as we engage the world on energy issues.

As the G7 Leaders' Summit approaches, we write to extend our goodwill and a shared vision: to deepen energy partnership between Japan and Canada through Indigenous-led liquefied natural gas (LNG).

Earlier this year, some of us participated in a mission to Japan, where we engaged with government ministries, utilities, industry leaders, and research institutions to discuss our shared energy future. At every step, we were warmly received — and we heard a consistent message: Japan values secure, stable, and responsible energy partners, and Canada should be one of them.

Canadian energy is Indigenous energy. Today, Indigenous Peoples – Nations, workers, and business owners – are involved in all aspects of energy in Canada. Whether hydro and nuclear, oil, natural gas and propane, wind and solar, electricity transmission and pipelines, Indigenous Peoples are working with partners in industry to advance energy and economic security at home and abroad. We would highlight that Canada's first LNG project, LNG Canada, will ship its first cargo this summer, but progressing quickly are Haisla Nation's Cedar LNG project, Woodfibre LNG with the support of Squamish Nation and the Nisga'a Nation's Ksi Lisims LNG. We see these projects and other energy projects as critical to supporting you and our other international allies, with energy security, economic growth and emissions reduction.

Geographically, Canada is uniquely positioned to serve Japan and its Indo-Pacific allies. Our Pacific coastline allows for efficient, geopolitically stable shipping routes and avoids bottlenecks in the Panama Canal. Canadian LNG, developed with Indigenous Nations, offers a long-term, reliable supply of lower-emission energy. It is not just a trade opportunity — it is a climate, economic, and diplomatic solution.

We have conveyed to the Canadian government what we believe should be priorities at the G7 Leaders Summit based on our dialogue with leaders in Japan and other nations:



1. To have a clear and positive message about the global energy security and emissions reduction role of LNG at the G7 Leaders Summit and in the communique to follow.
2. To reverse current G7 policies that restrict access to financing by energy customers for key infrastructure associated with conventional energy, including: thermal power plants, LNG intake facilities, pipelines, etc.

We hope that Japan can also support these two proposals to support a cleaner, more prosperous and secure world.

Indigenous Peoples in Canada understand and experience energy insecurity in many of our communities. We know it is a fundamental priority for all countries to ensure their people have the energy they need. We are now at the table in Canada, helping to develop resource projects in a good way. We want to partner with Japan and other countries in the Asia-Pacific to ensure you have low-emission, secure energy. Finally, we believe that delivering on LNG is the first step on a road that includes hydrogen/ammonia, nuclear power technology and other innovations. We, as Indigenous Peoples in Canada, are ready to deliver now and into the future.

Prime Minister, we thank you for your attention to this letter and wish you and your team success in the coming G7 discussions.

Sincerely,

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