

## **THE FEDERATION OF ELECTRIC POWER COMPANIES OF JAPAN**

### **Submission to SBI: Engagement of Observer Organizations**

The Federation of Electric Power Companies of Japan (hereinafter referred to as *FEPC*) would like to take this opportunity to present the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI) with its views pursuant to paragraph 19 of document FCCC/SBI/2010/L.21 concerning “engagement of observer organizations.”

As an active observer organization to the UNFCCC, FEPC has been representing the Japanese electric power industry on behalf of its 10 member companies, whose supply areas cover all of Japan, at the climate change talks since 1992. Electricity is key to a low-carbon society and plays an increasingly vital role as businesses, industries, and governments strive to reduce GHG emissions respectively. It is therefore crucial that there remains a sincere and transparent dialogue between the electric power sectors and policymakers, and that the UNFCCC provides a platform on which to exercise such dialogue.

Public-private partnerships are critical for establishing and implementing practical policies to share best practices and to facilitate necessary transfer and deployment of low-carbon technologies from developed countries to developing countries. Such expertise is important for exploring new policies aimed at the acceleration of technology transfer and capacity building to reduce emissions around the world. The roles of the private and public sectors in the context of combating climate change differ, however, only through their coordinated efforts and continued dialogue, can the most effective contributions be made.

Over the course of its engagement as an observer organization to the UNFCCC, FEPC has actively contributed its views to offer experienced, realistic perspectives to policymakers through effective public-private partnerships. As an active member of the Business and Industry NGO (BINGO) observer group, FEPC has incorporated its constructive and useful opinions in the interventions made by the constituency. Furthermore, FEPC has held side events as a member of the International Electricity Partnership (IEP), which consists of electricity associations of developed countries, as an effective means of outreach to raise public awareness of the significance of the electric power sector with relation to climate change issues.

With consideration of the increasing importance of electricity in climate change talks, we believe that our continued engagement as an observer organization is essential. FEPC would like to express its dedication and willingness to continue to provide practical advice and expertise to the UNFCCC, policymakers, and the general public in order to contribute toward the development of a sustainable, low-carbon future.