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### Workshop WASEDA University x h\_da

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TOP 1 Opening Remarks

WORKSHOP | SCHEDULE

#### short round of introductions of the individual parties

#### TOP 2 Presentations

- Professor Kang (Seoul National University)
- Professor Kamiya (Waseda University)
- Professor Carla Susana Assuad (Norwegian University of Science and Technology)
- Professor Marcin Orawiec, Ina-Marie Orawiec (h\_da / OX2architekten)

#### TOP 3 Lunch

#### TOP 4 Students Presentations

- students from h\_da / OX2architekten rethink\*rotor // current projects // Energy on the Water // power\*stage
- students from Waseda University

#### TOP 5 Closing Remarks

#### TOP 6 Campus Tour











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### Impressions from our Department in Darmstadt



















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# TOP 4 Student Presentations

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### Student Concepts rethink\*rotor

past and current integration into academic studies





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### rethink\*rotor blade\*stage

Draft project at h\_da





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### blade\*stage | Historical Context



- Start of coal mining in the Ruhr area in Germany in the early 1820s
- Since then coal burning is extremely harmful to the climate
- Powerful companies use lobbyism and financial loopholes











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### blade\*stage | Environmental Impact





- Destruction of entire villages and displacement of residents
- Irreparable holes left in the landscape
- Permanent use of pumping stations to keep the area dry















### blade\*stage | Political Shift

- Recognition of the dangers of climate change
- Shift from coal-facilitating laws to greener solutions
- Demonstrations to save villages from being destroyed









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### blade\*stage | Political Shift















# What does this have to do with rotor blades?







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### blade\*stage | Kimiko Festival Aachen

- Collaboration with rethink\*rotor for a new stage design
- Spontaneous decision and initial renderings for the festival











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### blade\*stage | Kimiko Festival Aachen

















## blade\*stage Concepts





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### blade\*stage | blade stadium 12 60















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### blade\*stage | blade stadium 12 60





Die Rotorblätter werden mit je einer Halterung aus einem Kunststoff-Metall Verbundgewebe ummantelt. Halterung 1 besteht aus zwei formstabilen Hälften, die an den Enden miteinander verschraubt sind und gelenkige Zugseilanschlüsse besitzen. Halterung 2 hingegen ist einteilig und wird nur an der Oberseite verschraubt und mit Anschlüssen versehen. Die Innenseiten sind mit einem elastischen Kunststoff gefüttert.





Die "Wurzel" des Rotorblattes wird genau wie bei einem Windrad an einem Gegenstück mit Bolzen befestigt und verschraubt. Bei diesem Anschluss sind Mängel leicht zu erkennen und gut zu erreichen. Das Gegenstück, ein Ring aus legiertem Vergütungsstahl, ist mit der Armierung des Betonfundamentes verbunden und garantiert so eine feste Verankerung.

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### blade\*stage | blade wave















### blade\*stage | blade wave











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### blade\*stage | blade wave









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### Research Project power\*stage inspired by rethink\*rotor

current integration of research into academic studies











### power\*stage | project description

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Projektbeschreibung power\*stage.













### **power\*stage** Tools of research





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## **power\*stage** Urban planning & Sociology





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Inhalte zum Thema power\*stage Städtebau und Soziologie (Vincent und Ina-Marie)







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# power\*stage Design, Construction & Sustainability







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# power\*stage inspired by rethink\*rotor

#### Architecture – Construction – Structural Design – Sustainability – Energy Fields of Study: Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Architecture, Environmental Engineering

#### Members:

- Lina Achilles
- Prof. Dr. Andreas Büter
- Savino Daragone
- Michael Freudel
- Niklas Haderlein
- Friedolin Herter
- Jamil Khoder
- Rick Opgenoorth
- Dr. Matthias Oppe
- Sercan Tozan













## **Construction** | Analysis







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#### power\*stage | Analysis - Student Drafts as fundamental models

1 - "Fan"



2 - "Water Lily"







4 - "Mine"





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6 - "Kite"









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#### power\*stage | Subject-specific analysis of stage concepts





#### Analysis of the fundamental Model No. 3 "Seashell" - pros and cons list

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Membrane "linearly supported" Rotor blades then as "bending beams"

#### Department of Civil Engineering













#### power\*stage | Evaluation matrix

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- Evaluation matrix developed as part of a research project
- Supports selection and optimization of stage design models
- Based on ecological and economic sustainability criteria
- Applicable in architecture, urban planning, and engineering contexts











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#### power\*stage | Advanced evaluation matrix

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- Advanced evaluation matrix based on the first qualitative matrix
- Systematic assessment and selection of stage models
- Uses a quantitative approach with weighted scores
- Allows for more objective comparison between different designs

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#### power\*stage | Analysis

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Inhalte zum Thema power\*stage Städtebau und Soziologie (Arbeitspaket 1)













### **Construction** | Structural Concept







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#### power\*stage | Structural Principles









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## rethink\*rotor Departure to Rotopia

Master draft project at h\_da











#### Departure to Rotopia | Master project











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#### Tuvalu

- Archipelago, consisting of 9 islands
- "fourth smallest country in the world"











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Tuvalu

- approx. 3700km from Australia
- approx. 26km2 total area
- approx. 10,000 inhabitants with a density of 431 inhabitants/km2
- Parliamentary monarchy represented by King Charles 3.







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- The highest elevation is less than 5 meters. Due to rising sea levels, this state is also in danger of sinking.
- Due to the circumstances, the government tried to apply for asylum for the inhabitants of Tuvalu in Australia and New Zealand.
- Around 300 people were to be resettled each year. However, the application was rejected.







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### **TUVALU** Can we design an adequate replacement for the residents?







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### TUVALU

### **Rotopia Concept**





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## Resident Design | Rotopia

by Sara Sürmeli Priscilla, Hussaini Fatma, Kübra Gülseven











#### Rotopia | Concept Visualisation















#### Rotopia | Modularity











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#### Rotopia | Urban planning



Applied strategies:

- appropriate culturally urban planning
- structured zoning
- accessible to all
- lively city edges
- integration of the airport
- representative mountain











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### Arche Tuvalu Concept





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## Resident Design | Concept Arche Tuvalu

by Felizitas Dochantschi, Giulia Migliorini, Lesley Saszawa











#### Arche Tuvalu | Concept Visualisation















#### Arche Tuvalu | Concept Visualisation















### Arche Tuvalu | Masterplan









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#### Arche Tuvalu | Island Construction













Square Plates

Filter fleece Gravel fill

Geo fleece

Drainage plate

Marine plate

Grid

Lawn

Granules

Geo fleece

Drain Plate

Marine Plate

Lawn Substrate

Grid

Living Bottom slab

Blinding layer

Drain plate Marine plate

Grid






# A new life for rotor\*blades Energy on the water

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#### **Energy on the water** | WASEDA University x h\_da

















# Energy on the water Analysing the energy supply in Japan







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#### Energy on the water | Energy supply in Japan

- heavily dependent on energy imports (has hardly any natural raw materials of its own
- covers its energy needs with a combination of different energy sources
- vulnerable to price fluctuations and geopolitical risks
- makes the country susceptible to global market changes













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#### Energy on the water | Investment in Renewable Energies

- Plans to make renewable energies as its main source by 2040
- Investing heavily in green hydrogen to partially replace crude oil
- Focus on recycling, circular economy, recovery of metals, further development of raw material extraction in the deep sea areas
- huge potential for geothermal energy due to its volcanic activity
- Basic Energy Plan (2021)
  - Reduction of fossil fuels: share of coal and gas to fall to 41% by 2030
  - Increase in renewable energies: Target: 36-38 % by 2030
  - Nuclear energy revitalisation: In the long term, it should once again account for 20-22 % of the energy mix
- Japan is committed to becoming climate neutral by 2050











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#### Energy on the water | Comparison

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- Philippines
  - Geothermal energy and hydropower approx. 82% of electricity generation
  - Solar and wind energy still underdeveloped
- Indonesia
  - fossil resources (coal)
  - o only utilises geothermal potential to a limited extent
- Taiwan
  - High Import dependency (~98 %)
  - Planned phase-out of Nuclear energy by 2025
  - growing share of renewable energies (lack of space)
- South Korea
  - similar Import dependency to Japan (~90 %)
  - Nuclear energy and fossil fuels
  - o growing investment in renewable energies











# Energy on the water Analysing geographical, political and technological conditions







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#### Energy on the water | Geographical Framework conditions



- Interface of several tectonic plates, causes high level of seismic activity
- High risk of earthquakes, tsunamis, flooding of coastal areas, land-/rockslides











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Energy on the water | In connection with wind power

- Steep, by mountains characterised Landscape and Natural Disasters makes construction of onshore wind turbines difficult
- Ideal conditions for offshore wind power in coastal regions

• Theoretical potential of over 9,000 terawatt hours per year from offshore wind energy











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Energy on the water | Political Framework conditions

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- Heavy criticism of Nuclear power after disaster in Fukushima (2011)
  - shut down of many Nuclear power pants
  - Increasing dependence on fossil fuels, energy imports
  - recommissioning of nuclear power plants, to stabilise the energy supply
- Plan is to, shut down nuclear power plants completely and expand renewable energies

- Increased focus on diversifying energy sources in order to minimise geopolitical risks
- Possible solution: Offshore wind power, expansion of hydrogen technology











### Energy on the water | Technological Framework conditions





- electricity grid was not originally designed for a high feed-in of renewable energies
- Network infrastructure requires modernisation
  - energy storage, smart grids, load management













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### **Energy on the water** | In connection with (Offshore) wind power

- Increased Investment in offshore wind power, as the technology becomes more mature
- Floating wind turbines, can be installed in deep waters where fixed foundations are not possible
- Could play a central role in Japan's energy supply







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# Energy on the water Evaluation of existing concepts for floating platforms







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#### **Energy on the water** | Evaluation of existing floating platforms





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#### Energy on the water | Floating Platforms: Key Types

- Semi-Submersible
  Platforms
- Spar Buoy Platforms
- Barge Platforms
- Tension-leg Platform















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### Energy on the water | Required wind turbines to fully power Japan

- Annual consumption Japan approx. 950 TWh
- around 31,667 offshore wind turbines, each with a capacity of 8 MW

(calculations depend on Weather conditions, wind speed, efficiency)















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### Wind farms in Japan

for rotor blade recycling











#### Energy on the water | Existing wind Farms in Japan

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- Setana Wind Farm (Hokkaido), since 2004
- Sakata Offshore Wind Farm (Yamagata), since 2005
- Wind Power Kamisu (Ibaraki), since 2008
- Fukushima Floating Wind Turbine (Fukushima), since 2013
- Noshiro Port and Akita Port (Akita), since 2022
- Ishikari Bay (Hokkaido), since 2023















### **Energy on the water** Student Concepts





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#### Energy on the water | Windfarms



- Offshore wind farm off Japan's west coast, with lower tsunami risk
- Floating foundations made from decommissioned rotor blades and recycled rubble
- Dual function as buoyant structure and reuse of wind turbine components
- Triangular shape for stability and efficiency
- Integrated circular rescue station for safety and frequency optimization









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#### Energy on the water | Student Concepts









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### Student Concepts | Tripod Design













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#### Energy on the water | Offshore Concept: Tripod Design







Offshore windfarms Gazelle system Tripod



Eliminates pitch



**Balances** 

movement

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Weight reduction



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#### Energy on the water | Offshore Concept: Triangular Design





- Reduced surface for wind/wave impact
- Tsunami and earthquake resilience
- Reduced surface for wind/wave impact







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### Student Concepts | Hexagon Design







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#### Energy on the water | Offshore Concept: Hexagon Design









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#### Energy on the water | Offshore Concept: Polygonal Design





Marius Noé

















### Student Concepts | Hydrogen - Hexagon







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#### Energy on the water | Student Concepts: Hexagon Platforms





Hexagonal modules can be flexibly expanded and combined as needed.













# rethink\*rotor **Energy on the water** | Student Concepts: Hexagon Platforms ローターの再考 Fatima Ismail, Charlotte Seip The main components include Rotor blades, - Floating bodies (pontoons) for stability and height regulation. Melanie Maria Mayer











#### Energy on the water | Student Concepts: Hexagon Platforms





A modular floating platform was specifically designed for disaster relief and emergency response.

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#### **Energy on the water |** Student Concepts: Hexagon Platforms









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#### Energy on the water | Student Concepts: Hexagon Platforms















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# 質問はござい ますか?

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## blade stadium 12 60 | Concept

by Lorenz Hoellerl







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blade\*stage | blade stadium 12 60

















### **blade** wave | Concept

by Luke Eißner











#### blade\*stage | blade wave





#### location in the open-pit mine













#### blade\*stage | blade wave















- The most important economic sectors are fishing, tourism and exports.
- With only 3600 tourists per year, it is the least visited country in the world.









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To draw attention to rising sea levels, Foreign Minister Hon. Simon Kofe gave a distinctly unusual speech.











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Standing knee-deep in water, he demonstrated what "powerlessness in the face of climate change" feels like.

The island itself is now looking into land reclamation technologies, as well as solutions that could be used in the event of total land loss, resulting in resettlement.





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#### METAVERSE

"While our country is disappearing, we have no choice but to become the first digital nation".

The land, ocean and culture are the nation's greatest treasure, he said. "To protect them from harm, no matter what happens in the physical world, we will move to the cloud."









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#### METAVERSE

A first step in this process is the digital copy of the country. If it disappears into the sea, Tuvalu should at least continue to exist in the digital world.

"For us, it's about maintaining our status as a state, our sovereignty and our borders" in order to be able to continue to exist without a real country.











Departure to Rotopia | The Goal



# **TUVALU** for the climate refugees

## a climate innovation















#### MAIN GOALS

• functionality

• social equality

• staying true to Tuvalu's urban planning

providing a sustainable future





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#### Rotopia | Urban planning















### How many offshore wind turbines are needed to fully supply Japan ?



- 1. Annual consumption Japan approx. 950 TWh
- Japan would need around 31,667 offshore wind turbines, each with a capacity of 8 MW, to fully supply itself with wind power.
  Of course, this figure can vary depending on the actual wind speed and efficiency.
  - > Problem: invoice requires optimal weather conditions











### Calculation of Japanese energy supply from wind turbines



To find out how many offshore wind turbines Japan would need to fully supply itself with the 950 TWh of electricity per year, we proceed as follows:

1. Average output of an offshore wind turbine:

A modern offshore wind turbine has an output of around 8 MW. This means that it produces around 30 million kWh per year under ideal conditions.

- 2. Calculation of energy requirements: Japan has an annual electricity consumption of around 950 TWh, or 950 billion kWh.
- 3. Calculation of the required number of wind turbines:
  - 1 offshore wind turbine produces approx. 30 million kWh per year
  - 950,000,000 kWh (Japan's annual consumption) divided by 30,000,000 kWh (production per wind turbine) equals around 31,667 offshore wind turbines.

#### Result:

Japan would need around 31,667 offshore wind turbines, each with a capacity of 8 MW, to fully supply itself with wind power. Of course, this figure can vary depending on the actual wind speed and efficiency.













## "AquaHex" | Concept

by Evindar Acig and Madeleine Fuchs















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# OFFSHORE SOLAR/WINDPARK

Designed by Fatima Ismail & Charlotte Seip











#### Typhoon-safe design

- Reduced attack surface
- Pitch control

Tsunami and earthquake safety

- flexible routing of power cables
- far enough away from the coast

Offshore wind power:

- East coast (e.g. Chiba, Ibaraki, Fukushima)
- North coast (e.g. Aomori, Akita)

Solar energy:

- Kyushu and Okinawa
- Shikoku
- Hokkaido

Combination

- East coast (Fukushima)
- Okinawa

















#### **Strategic Deployment Sites**

- Existing offshore facilities marked as ideal locations
- Blue circles = potential sites for modular system use
- Local production avoids long-distance rotor blade
  transport
- Reduces emissions and supports circular economy
- Efficient, sustainable deployment near existing infrastructure















### "Music of the future" | Concept

by Janna Fee







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#### blade\*stage | blade wave





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## Investigation of the energy supply







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#### Energy supply in Japan

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- Japan is the third largest economy in the world and is heavily dependent on energy imports
- The country's energy supply is affected by geography, political conditions and natural disasters
- Japan covers its energy needs with a combination of different energy sources

- Energy source:
  - Coal: 31.0 %
  - Natural gas (LNG): 27.6 %
  - Crude oil: 7.4
  - Nuclear energy: 6.9
  - Renewable energies: 19.8 % (hydropower, solar, wind, geothermal)
- Dependence on natural gas, coal and oil makes the country vulnerable to price fluctuations and geopolitical risks











#### **Renewable energies**

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- Japan is investing heavily in renewable energies (solar and wind power)
  - Offshore wind power is seen as a key technology for the energy transition
  - The government plans to achieve an offshore wind capacity of 10 GW by 2030 and up to 45 GW by 2040
- Existing challenges such as limited space for large wind and solar parks and high investment costs
- Plans to make renewable energies such as wind and solar its main source by 2040
- Japan is committed to becoming climate neutral by 2050










#### **Renewable energies:**

- Japan is increasingly focussing on renewable energies in order to make its energy supply more diverse and sustainable
- The geographical conditions in Japan offer limited space for solar and wind power plants
- Japan has the potential to utilise solar and wind energy on a large scale in order to reduce its dependence on fossil fuels











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#### Basic energy plan (2021)



- Reduction of fossil fuels: share of coal and gas to fall to 41% by 2030
- Increase in renewable energies: Target: 36-38 % by 2030
- Nuclear energy revitalisation: In the long term, it should once again account for 20-22 % of the energy mix











#### Investments in hydrogen & ammonia

- Japan is investing heavily in green hydrogen to partially replace crude oil
- Major partnerships with Australia and the Middle East for water imports
- Pilot projects with ammonia power plants, as ammonia could replace coal as a low-emission fuel











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#### **Geothermal energy**

- Japan has huge potential for geothermal energy due to its volcanic activity
- Areas lie below tourism regions
- Areas are located in national parks or protected nature reserves
- Cultural, regulatory and economic hurdles slow down expansion











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# Energy supply study in comparison







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# Philippines



- one of the leading countries in the utilisation of geothermal energy
- Geothermal energy and hydropower approx. 82% of electricity generation
- Solar and wind energy still underdeveloped









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#### Indonesia

- has fossil resources (coal)
- However, it only utilises geothermal potential to a limited extent











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#### Taiwan

- plans to phase out nuclear energy by 2025 and increase the share of renewable energy
- Import dependency: very high (~98 %)
- Nuclear energy: planned phase-out by 2025
- Renewable energies: growing share, offshore wind power
- Challenges: Lack of space for renewable energy projects





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#### South Korea

- Nuclear energy and fossil fuels
- Offshore wind farms, which have not yet had a major impact, but are expected to increase by 2030
- Import dependency: similar to Japan (~90 %)
- Nuclear energy share: higher than in Japan (~30 %)
- Renewable energies: only ~8 %, growing investments
- Challenges: High energy consumption, geopolitical uncertainties













#### From where ?

Japan: 1,700 - 2,600 wind turbines = min. 4,800 rotor blades in the next 10 - 30 years

China: approx. 153,000 wind turbines = approx. 459,000 rotor blades in the next 10 - 30 years South Korea: approx. 455 wind turbines = approx. 1,365 rotor blades in the next 10 - 30 years Taiwan: approx. 865 wind turbines = approx. 2,595 rotor blades in the next 10 - 30 years India: 14,900 - 22,400 wind turbines = at least 44,700 rotor blades in the next 10 - 30 years USA: approx. 44,000 wind turbines = approx. 132,000 rotor blades in the next 10 - 30 years















As individual parts with heavy-lift or semi-submersible ships.

Best option:

Possibility of utilising the buoyancy of the rotor blades to transport large quantities of energy efficiently by sea.











#### Earthquakes and plate tectonics

- Interface of several tectonic plates
  (Chinese, Pacific and Philippine plates)
- Constellation causes a high level of seismic activity (around 1,450 earthquakes per year)
- Make construction projects more difficult, especially for large-scale infrastructure
- High risk of tsunamis, flooding of coastal areas











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# Topography and wind power

- Landscape is characterised by mountains and steep slopes, which makes the construction of onshore wind turbines difficult
- High risk of land-/rockslides
- Coastal regions offer ideal conditions for offshore wind power, especially on the north-east coast, where constant wind speeds prevail

 Japan has a theoretical potential of over 9,000 terawatt hours per year from offshore wind energy, a multiple of the forecast electricity demand





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#### Raw material shortage

 Japan has hardly any natural raw material deposits and has to import most of its energy sources and industrial metals (Oil, natural gas and coal, mainly from the Middle East, Australia and USA)

• Although Japan discovers rare earths in its territorial waters (e.g. at Minami-Torishima), mining them is technologically challenging











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#### Nuclear power, after Fukushima



- Heavy criticism after the nuclear disaster in Fukushima (2011)
- Many nuclear power plants were shut down, increasing dependence on fossil fuels and energy imports

• In recent years: Recommissioning of decommissioned nuclear power plants with strict safety requirements, in order to stabilise the energy supply

• The aim now: Shut down nuclear power plants and expand renewable energies











## Dependency on energy imports

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• Japan imports around 90 % of its primary energy

 $\rightarrow$  makes the country susceptible to global market changes

- Increased focus on diversifying energy sources in order to minimise geopolitical risks
- Offshore wind power and the expansion of hydrogen technology should help to reduce dependence on imports in the long term











# Progress in wind power technology

 Increased Investment in offshore wind power, as the technology becomes more mature

Offshore wind Farms:

- Floating wind turbines, can be installed in deep waters where fixed foundations are not possible
- Could play a central role in Japan's energy supply in the long term, due to technological innovations











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# Challenges of grid integration

- The Japanese electricity grid was not originally designed for a high feed-in of renewable energies
- The fluctuating feed-in of wind energy requires modernisation of the grid infrastructure

• Solutions such as energy storage, smart grids and load management are necessary to ensure a stable power supply











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# Strategies for securing resources

- Focus on recycling and the circular economy to compensate for its shortage of raw materials
- Recovery of metals from electronic waste, in order to make domestic production more sustainable
- Further development of own raw material extraction in the deep sea areas











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### WindFloat (Principle Power)

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Technology: Semi-submersible design with three floats

- Advantages: High stability even in deep waters; proven technology with projects worldwide
- Disadvantages: High production and installation costs; complex maintenance

Suitable for deep offshore locations on Japan's coasts, especially in the north-east, where constant wind speeds prevail.













# Hywind (Equinor)

Technology: Floating economy buoys that are stabilised with anchor ropes.

- Advantages: Efficient in deep water; lower material costs
- Disadvantages: High technical effort for transport and installation

Ideal for deep waters like in Japan, but with adaptations necessary to withstand earthquakes and typhoons.









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# Fukushima Mirai (Japan)

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Technology: Part of the Fukushima Offshore Wind Consortium; hybrid floating platform

- Advantages: Specially developed for Japan's conditions; experience with seismic activity and typhoons
- Disadvantages: Still in the pilot phase; high investment costs

Particularly relevant for Japan, as already adapted to local requirements.













# Sea Twirl

Technology: Vertical wind turbine on a floating platform.

- Advantages: Fewer moving parts, therefore less maintenance; simpler design
- Disadvantages: Lower energy yield than horizontal turbines

An option for Japan as a possible supplement for offshore projects, but not a preferred solution for large offshore wind farms.















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# **Blue SATH**

Technology: Floating catamaran design with horizontal turbines

- Advantages: Cost-effective and scalable; suitable for medium-deep waters
- Disadvantages: Less stable in very deep waters or in extreme weather conditions

Only suitable for Japan to a limited extent, as typhoons and strong waves could lead to challenges.









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# 1. Semi-Submersible Platforms

Partially submerged structures stabilized by ballast tanks. These platforms offer high stability in moderate water depths of 50-200 meters.

#### Advantages:

- High stability in rough sea conditions (strong waves and typhoons)
- Suitable for large turbines (ideal for commercial-scale projects)
- Modular design allows for cost-effective scaling

#### Applications in Japan:

Japan's Akita and Aomori offshore wind projects















# 2. Spar Buoy Platforms

Tall, cylindrical structure that extends deep below the water surface. Design relies on a low center of gravity for stability, making it ideal for deep waters exceeding 100 meters.

#### Advantages:

- Exceptional stability, even in harsh weather conditions
- Reduced motion compared to other platform types
- Minimal environmental footprint during installation

#### Applications in Japan:

- Interest in this technology is growing
- Study on Success of Norway's Hywind project to inform future domestic deployments
- More commonly used in international projects



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# 3. Barge Platforms

Flat structures designed for shallow waters (20-50 meters). They are anchored using mooring lines and stabilized by heavy ballast.

#### Advantages:

- Cost-effective construction and deployment
- Easy to manufacture with existing shipbuilding technologies

#### Applications in Japan:

- Less common in Japan due to rough ocean conditions
- Option for more sheltered offshore sites.













# 4. Tension-leg Platform

A Vertically moored floating structure normally used for the offshore production of oil or gas.

Particularly suited for water depths greater than 200 metres

#### Advantages:

• Exceptional vertical stability (but stiff)

#### Applications in Japan:

• Can be used in very deep waters, but would have to be dampened to reduce motion in the event of a tsunami













#### Setana Wind Farm





- Hokkaido
- In operation since 2004

https://www.shimz.co.jp/en/works/jp\_ene\_202011\_setanaosato.html











## Sakata Offshore Wind Farm





- Yamagata
- In operation since 2005

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#### Wind Power Kamisu





- Ibaraki
- In operation since 2008

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# Fukushima Floating Wind Turbine





- Fukushima
- In operation since 2013

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#### Noshiro Port and Akita Port





- Akita
- In operation since December
  2022

https://aow.co.jp/en/eventa/item.cgi?pro&73











# Ishikari Bay





- Hokkaido
- In operation since 2023

https://www.windindustrie-in-deutschland.de/unternehmensmeldung/japan-s-largest -offshore-wind-farm-goes-into-operation











#### Example 2



Rated Power: 15,000.0 kW Rotor Diameter: 236.0 m Rotor Area: 43,742.0 m<sup>2</sup> Number of Blades: 3 Rotor Material: Glass and carbon fibre-reinforced epoxy

Weight: Rotor Blade: 55 tons per blade Hub and Generator: 650 tons Tower: 2,000 tons Total: 2,815 tons











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#### Example 4: offshore wind farm









tripod for stabilization

ASCA pv- modules












## Example 3: Floating Village



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Joints  $\rightarrow$  Joints between the modules. These ensure that the square shape moves with waves or storms or does not break

Elsatic buffer  $\rightarrow$  Elsatic buffer, so that the platform can move with the waves











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## Example 5: floating farm platform











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