

Date of meeting: 16 August 2024

Place of meeting: Battaramulla, Sri Lanka and online

**Joint Committee of the Joint Crediting Mechanism  
between Sri Lanka and Japan  
Second Meeting**

**Meeting Report**

**Agenda item 1. Opening**

Mr. Kotaro Katsuki, Deputy Chief of Mission/ Minister, Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka, opened the second meeting of the Joint Committee (JC) of the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) and gave opening remarks.

Mr. B.K. Prabath Chandrakeerthi, Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, gave opening remarks.

Table: Attendance

<b>JC Members from Sri Lankan side</b>	
<b>Mr. B.K. Prabath Chandrakeerthi</b>	Ministry of Environment
<b>Ms. W.A.H. Wijeratne (alternate)</b>	Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Resources Conservation
<b>Mr. E.A.P.N. Edirisinghe</b>	Forest Department
<b>Ms. S.R.B.R.G.C. Gannoruwa</b>	Ministry of Power and Energy
<b>Mr. J.I.D. Jayasundara</b>	Ministry of Transport and Highways
<b>Dr. E.R.S.P. Edirimanna</b>	Ministry of Agriculture
<i>Mr. J.M. Athula</i>	Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority
<b>Eng. I.G. Dasun Janaka</b>	Vehicle Emission Trust Fund
<i>Ms. R.K.L. Jagoda</i>	Department of National Planning
<b>Mr. M.A.L.S.N.K. Manthrinayake</b>	Department of External Resources
<b>Ms. K.N.K. Vidyalankara</b>	Ministry of Environment
<b>Ms. M.D.V. Fernando</b>	Ceylon Electricity Board
<b>Observers from the Sri Lankan side</b>	
<b>Ms. Pathma Abeykoon</b>	Ministry of Environment
<b>Dr. Sulakshana Jayawardena</b>	Ministry of Power and Energy
<b>Ms. Chamika Iddagoda</b>	Ministry of Environment

<b>JC Members from the Japanese side</b>	
<b>Mr. KATSUKI Kotaro</b>	Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka
<b>Mr. KAMOSHIDA Naoki</b>	Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka
<i>Dr. MIZUNO Yuji (alternate)</i>	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
<i>Mr. MITSUI Hiroyuki (alternate)</i>	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
<i>Mr. IINO Satoru</i>	Ministry of the Environment
<b>Ms. TANAKA Sachi</b>	Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka
<b>Observers from the Japanese side</b>	
<b>Mr. NAKANISHI Takafumi</b>	Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka
<i>Mr. ADACHI Muneki</i>	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
<i>Mr. MOMOSE Yoshinori</i>	Ministry of the Environment
<i>Mr. TAKAHASHI Kentaro</i>	Ministry of the Environment
<i>Ms. UGA Maiko</i>	Ministry of the Environment
<i>Mr. BANNAI Osamu</i>	Global Environment Centre Foundation
<i>Ms. KASAHARA Nami</i>	Global Environment Centre Foundation

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## **Agenda item 2. Organizational matters**

### **Agenda item 2.1 Adoption of the agenda**

The JC adopted the agenda of the meeting.

### **Agenda item 2.2 Approval on attendance of observers**

The JC gave its consent to the attendance of observers at this JC meeting.

## **Agenda item 3. Project Idea Note (PIN) of planned JCM projects**

### **Agenda item 3.1 10MW Solar Project in Mahiyanganaya**

The JC considered the Project Idea Note (PIN) of a planned JCM project, LK\_PIN002, “10MW Solar Project in Mahiyanganaya”, which was submitted on 19 January 2024. Some of the JC members from the Sri Lankan side mentioned that a decision on the PIN should be made in line with the domestic policies currently under consideration. In response to the comments made by the Sri Lankan side, the Japanese side JC members explained that the PIN was submitted before the domestic policy consideration process in Sri Lanka and suggested that the planned project should be considered separately from the domestic policy discussion.

Some Sri Lankan side committee members highlighted the following matters regarding the proposed PIN.

- As this project is renewable energy, the Ceylon Electricity Board gives a high tariff, and under the JCM Model Projects, the same project receives two kinds of benefits. Accordingly, these projects are double benefitted and questioned about the additionality of the project.
- These are low-hanging mitigation options that come under the unconditional NDC targets.

Despite the discussion above, the JC decided that it had no objection to the planned project.

### **Agenda item 3.2 26 MW ground mount solar power plants**

The JC considered the Project Idea Note (PIN) of a planned JCM project, LK\_PIN003, “26 MW ground mount solar power plants”, which was submitted on 19 January 2024. Some of the JC members from the Sri Lankan side mentioned that a decision on the PIN should be made in line with the domestic policies currently under consideration. In response to the comments made by the Sri Lankan side, Japanese side JC members explained that the PIN was submitted before the domestic policy consideration process in Sri Lanka. They suggested that the planned project should be considered separately from the domestic policy discussion.

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### **Agenda item 4. Conclusion of the meeting**

The Co-Chairs gave closing remarks and closed the meeting. Both sides recognized that their JCM implementation needs to respect and take into consideration the positive project area list and adhere to the Carbon Trading Policy Framework and guiding principles once they are published by the Sri Lankan government. Signaling the eligible projects or positive list to the private sector is very important to facilitate future investment from the private sector.

Table: Attendees who submitted the Conflict of Interest Declaration Form

<b>Attendees from Japanese side</b>	
<i>Mr. BANNAI Osamu (Secretariat)</i>	Global Environment Centre Foundation
<i>Ms. KASAHARA Nami (Secretariat)</i>	Global Environment Centre Foundation
<i>Mr. HEMMI Tatsushi (Secretariat)</i>	Mitsubishi UFJ Research and Consulting Co., Ltd.
<i>Ms. OTSUKA Misako (Secretariat)</i>	Mitsubishi UFJ Research and Consulting Co., Ltd.
<i>Mr. TAKENAKA Sotaro (Secretariat)</i>	Mitsubishi UFJ Research and Consulting Co., Ltd.
<i>Mr. TSUTSUI Toshiki (Secretariat)</i>	Mitsubishi UFJ Research and Consulting Co., Ltd.

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