



# **Sustainable Natural Gas Market for Growing Demand of Clean Energy in East Asia**

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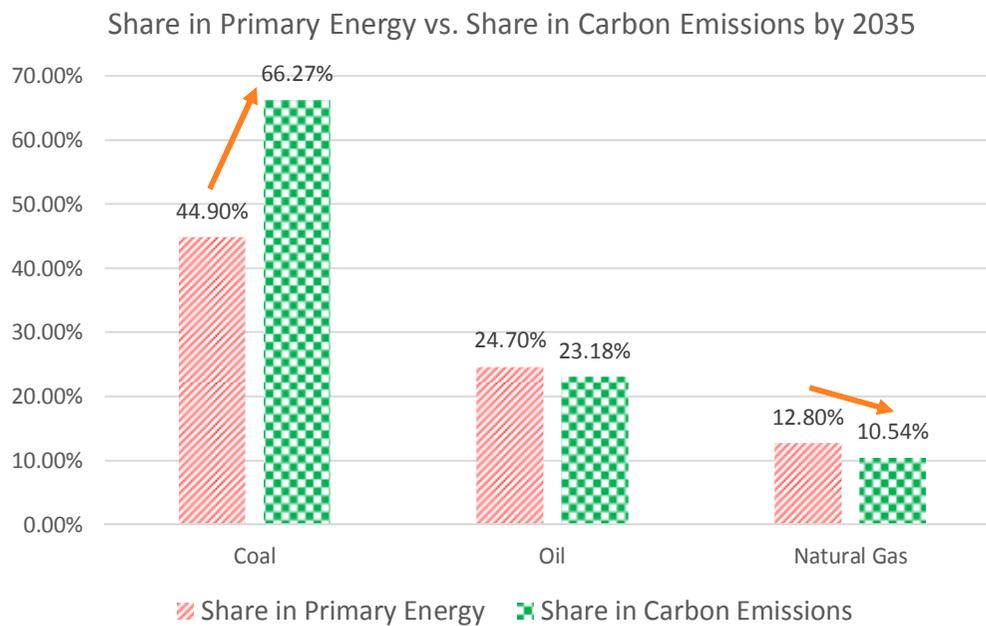
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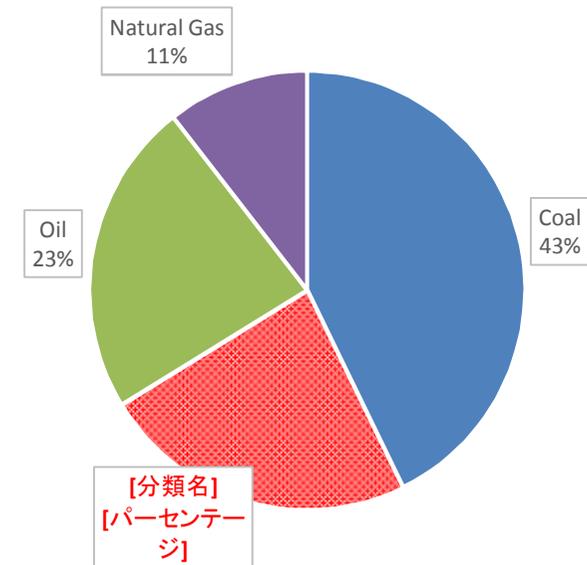
# Outlook of clean energy and the role of natural gas in the EAS region (I)

- The ERIA “Energy Outlook and Analysis of Energy Saving Potential in East Asia” is a “*policy-driven*” outlook for the EAS region.
  - Future scenarios are built on assumptions about different energy and environment policies.
  - It thus presents a feasible maximum potential for policies to deliver cleaner energy consumption.
- Natural gas is projected to play an important but limited role in supplying clean energy to the region, despite fast growth in absolute volume of consumption
  - Prices of natural gas is projected based on exogenously specified oil price assumptions, reflecting the features of the natural gas market in the region
  - No major policy initiatives to enhance the role of natural gas

# Outlook of clean energy and the role of natural gas in the EAS region (II)



Regional Carbon Emissions Cut by 23% if All Coal-fired Power Generation is Replaced by Natural Gas



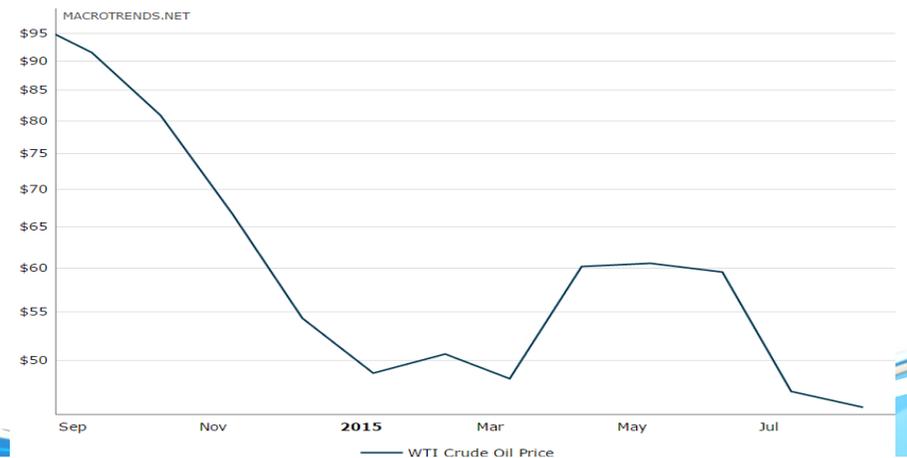
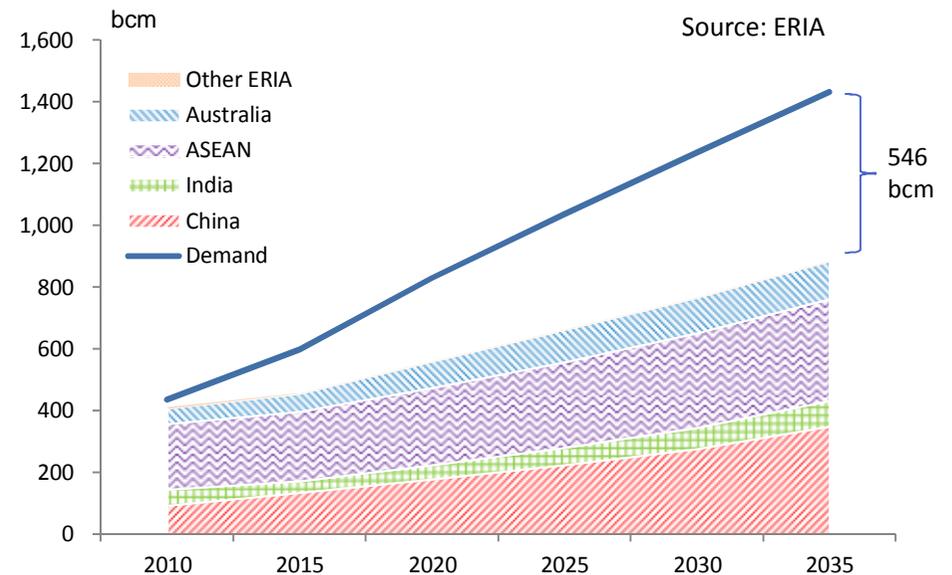
Source: ERIA



# Security and Affordability of Natural Gas Supply Calls for Flexibility in the EAS Market

- The EAS region needs to source 546 bcm of natural gas from outside the region in 2035.
- A majority of the imports from the outside of EAS will be in the form of LNG.
- How to secure the supply through sufficient infrastructure investment?
- What “price discovery mechanism” could deliver proper price signals to incentivize investment and ensure affordable supply to this region?

The Gap between Projected Demand vs. Supply from within the Region



# Issues and challenges of establishing a sustainable regional natural gas market

- A more flexible regional market will be the key to achieve both secured and affordable supply, leading to a sustainable market in the region
- The following issues should be emphasized and addressed
  - The quasi-vertical integration of the supply chain
  - The dominance of long-term contracts in trading
  - The oil indexation in the pricing formula
  - The destination clause

# Conclusions and policy implications

- A sustainable regional natural gas market is featured by secured and affordable supply, enabled by enhanced flexibility
  - It leads to a win-win situation for both producers and consumers
- The following policy recommendations are drawn:
  - Towards abolition of investment barriers
  - Towards domestic market liberalization
  - Towards intra-regional agreement on natural gas trade, especially regarding flexibility and pricing mechanism
  - Towards intra-regional agreement on market monitoring

Thank you for your kind attention!

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