

Side Event of the 27th Conference of the Parties (COP27) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt

### **Energy Efficiency Role in Energy Transition to a Zero Carbon Energy System, (Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, Ahmos Hall)**

While achieving optimum value-added of natural resources, financial sustainability, as well as energy transition and maintaining environmental standards through the sustainable development goals, energy efficiency is a critical enabler of the transition to a cleaner and more sustainable energy system.

This side event highlighted the importance of improving energy efficiency as an essential pillar of greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions reductions. The Egyptian Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources (MOPMR) with its international partners the European Union, Japan International Cooperation Agency, World Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and International Energy Agency (IEA) discussed policies, case studies and projects for improving energy efficiency worldwide.

At the session, H.E the Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Eng. Tarek El Molla announced the Energy Efficiency Strategy of the Petroleum Sector and thanked JICA for its support in energy efficiency activities. Also, MOPMR presented JICA's support in the formulation of the Center of Excellence for Energy Efficiency and Product Optimization, which supports the preparation of competent human resources to lead the energy efficiency activities not only in Egypt but throughout the whole Middle East and Africa as well. From his side Mr. Mitomori, Director of the Climate Change Office, explained JICA's vision related to energy efficiency all over the world and hailed the efforts of MOPMR in this respect highlighting that the Center of Excellence in Egypt can build on JICA's experience in capacity development and establishing similar centers in other countries.



Group photo for speakers/participants



Discussions during the side event



Photo for H.E. Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources with Mr. Mitomori



Mr. Mitomori explaining JICA's role in energy efficiency