

How important is battery energy storage in Japan?

Battery energy storage systems ("BESS") are playing an increasingly important role in the transition towards net zero. However, the regulations for BESS in Japan were generally perceived as requiring further clarification and development to promote this industry.

How big is Japan's energy storage capacity?

Global energy storage capacity was estimated to have reached 36,735MW by the end of 2022 and is forecasted to grow to 353,880MW by 2030. Japan had 1,671MW of capacity in 2022 and this is expected to rise to 10,074MW by 2030. Listed below are the five largest energy storage projects by capacity in Japan, according to GlobalData's power database.

What is Japan's energy storage policy?

As policy, technology, and decarbonization goals converge, Japan is positioning energy storage as a critical link between its climate targets and energy reliability. Japan's energy storage policy is anchored by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), which outlined its ambitions in the 6th Strategic Energy Plan, adopted in 2021.

What is Japan's 6th Strategic Energy Plan?

According to Japan's 6th Strategic Energy Plan, battery storage will be increased as a distributed source of electricity closer to end users and within microgrids. This new policy calls for an increase in installed solar capacity from 79 gigawatts (GW) in 2022 to 108 GW by 2030.

How much battery power does Japan have?

As of March, Japan had 0.23 GW of grid-connected BESS, according to METI. By comparison, China has 75 GW and the U.S. has installed nearly 26 GW of battery storage capacity, according to the Energy Institute.

How is Japan's energy storage landscape changing?

Japan's energy storage landscape is shifting, pushed by household demand, corporate ESG mandates, and domestic battery manufacturing. The residential lithium-ion market, projected to grow at a CAGR of 33.9% through 2030, remains one of the fastest-expanding segments.

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