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Tokyo's latest solar energy storage policy



Overview

On April 1, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government implemented a new regulation mandating the installation of solar power systems and energy-saving measures in new residential buildings. What is Japan's energy storage policy?

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How is Japan's energy storage landscape changing?

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Why is Tokyo launching a virtual power plant?

The push is reinforced by Tokyo's 2025 regulation requiring solar panels on new homes, and the launch of virtual power plant (VPP) programs—slated to begin in fiscal 2026—that will let households sell surplus energy to the grid.

Should Tokyo be a 'prosumer' in a decentralised energy system?

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What percentage of Tokyo's rooftops are solar? Also speaking at World Smart Energy Week, Kazumi Arai, system coordination manager for Tokyo Metropolitan Government (TMG) noted ...

Challenges and future outlook Despite technological progress and the policy push from the government, several challenges hinder the ...

Close-up of BESS containers at an LS Electric project. Image: LS Electric. LS Electric will deploy a 20MW/90MWh battery energy ...

This article covers considerations on Tokyo's new solar panel installation mandate, current energy generation challenges and examples from Germany's initiatives.

Japan's energy storage policies, market statistics, and trends--from METI's strategic plans and subsidy programs to deployment challenges.

The authors support defining energy storage as a distinct asset class within the electric grid system, supported with effective regulatory and financial policies for development

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Eku Energy's APAC technical lead Nick Morley, speaking in a panel discussion on the Japanese market at Energy Storage Summit Asia ...

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Beyond policy, the industry is actively responding to the BIPV trend. At the 2025 Smart Energy Week in Tokyo, organizers have partnered with the Japan Photovoltaic Energy ...

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