

## **Press Release**

Japan's IRENA permanent representative to submit the credentials

H.E. Yoshihiko Kamo, Ambassador to the UAE submit the credentials to H.E. Adnan Z. Amin, Director-General of International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) on 7 September 2014 as Japan's first Permanent Representative to IRENA.

Japan has been actively supporting IRENA since its establishment in April 2011 and is the second largest contributor to IRENA's core budget. In addition, Japan provides finance for other projects under IRENA such as IRENA's flagship publication "REthinking Energy", Remap 2030, and Renewable Readiness Assessment (RRA). Japan also extends intellectual supports to IRENA through dispatching a biomass expert to its Innovation and Technology Center (IITC) and sending experts to geothermal energy workshop organized by IRENA last year. Japan's contribution to IRENA also extends to the capacity building. It organized courses for trainees from regions including Asia, Africa, and Pacific Island and international seminars in Tokyo and Abu Dhabi in cooperation with IRENA.

Japan was designated as the President of the Fifth Session of the Assembly to be held in mid-January next year.