

Can microgrids help Japan meet its energy needs?

For over a decade an energy revolution has been underway in Japan, spurred on by the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami. Since then, microgrids have sprung up in their dozens around the country, in a number of different guises to help Japan meet its energy needs and build resilience.

How have microgrids impacted Japan?

In the decade since the 2011 East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, microgrids have sprung up across Japan to help the country meet its energy demands and build resilience. On March 11, 2011, a magnitude 9.0 earthquake struck Japan --the largest ever experienced and so powerful that it shifted the Earth on its axis by 10 cm!

When did microgrids start in Japan?

The first microgrids in Japan were New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization-financed projects initiated in Aichi, Kyoto and Hachinohe in 2003. A variety of energy sources were tested, in particular gas engines, and their success was demonstrated in the years that followed.

Should Japan invest in microgrids?

Japan's Ministry of Lands, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism has started a 'Dam Revitalisation' project that aims to bolster the country's dam network as well as increase power from it." For Japan to move forwards towards greater energy independence, resilience and lower emissions, microgrids appear a clear choice.

Can Japan use small-scale microgrids in other countries?

"Japanese expertise in small-scale microgrids can be applied in other countries," says President Gouzu of Pacific Power Co., Ltd. Mutsuzawa Smart Wellness Town came into the limelight in September 2019, when one of the most powerful typhoons on record made landfall in Chiba Prefecture and triggered a widespread power failure.

How many microgrids are there in Japan?

The total number of microgrids in use in Japan is currently unclear, though Kashiwagi puts the number of areas using the technology at close to 40. According to DeWit, "nobody seems to know, because there is poor governance on the PR side.

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Such improvements are important for increasing the use of renewable energy through so-called microgrids, which can help reduce demand for electricity from traditional power plants and greenhouse gas emissions by ...

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building in Tsukuba, Japan Karina Vink, Eriko Ankyu & Michihisa Koyama Microgrids comprising renewable energy technologies are often modelled and optimised from a theoretical

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