

## Interview with Mr. Teruaki Masumoto, Chair, Japan Energy Association



*Mr. Teruaki Masumoto, Chair of the Japan Energy Association (WEC Japanese Member Committee)*

### What keeps you awake at night?

The main energy concern to me is to secure energy supply in Japan. Japan is an energy importing nation without domestic energy resources and with a self-sufficient rate of just 4%. We therefore totally rely on energy supply from foreign countries. The best way to secure such energy supply for Japan in the future is to diversify energy supply sources in a balanced way. We also need to seek to maintain the mutual trust with these foreign countries, that has been built over the years. The question 'what keeps you awake at night?' reminds me that we do not need to dwell too much on these worries because the everlasting sleep of 'Eternal Rest' awaits all of us in the not-so-distant future.

### How do you see the role of WEC within Japan's energy landscape?

The unique energy background in Japan has contributed to creating the innovative industrial technology 'to utilize precious energy resources more efficiently and productively' both in the industrial and the residential sectors. From a Japanese point of view, WEC is the only multi-national and multi-energy organization in the world, which covers all the stakeholders in the energy chain, including production, conversion, technology, and consumption. WEC provides opportunities to facilitate and enhance communication amongst constituent members and I strongly expect WEC to continue offering occasions for members to exchange views and ideas globally.

### And how do you see the role of WEC Japan within the international energy landscape?

It is becoming more and more crucial to tackle Climate Change issues head on. I believe there might be limitations to relying solely on the UNFCCC, so that's where other bi-lateral and multi-lateral organisations like WEC and their approaches become vital, because Energy and Climate Change should be discussed together as the two sides of one coin. The first key to bridge these two sides is energy efficiency. The second key is to develop the low carbon energy sources, including nuclear power. I am confident that Japan can contribute to the world in both issues.

## WEC Debriefing

### India Energy Congress 2010

The India Energy Congress is the annual mega energy event of the WEC Indian Member Committee (WEC-IMC) and this year it took place on April 6-7 at the Hotel Ashok, New Delhi. More than 50 energy experts participated as Panelists in various sessions, attended by nearly 200 delegates from multi-discipline energy sectors, to tackle the theme: 'Energy Challenges for a Sustainable Future'.

Honourable Minister of Power, Shri Sushilkumar Shinde - also Patron of WEC-IMC - announced that the power sector in India is on fast track mode, but that the success of these ambitious growth targets will depend on timely and adequate action to address various challenges, for example the shortage of skilled human resources. Such issues were discussed in four intense Roundtables, focussing on Availability, Accessibility, Acceptability and Accountability.

In the inaugural session, Mr. R. S. Sharma, Chairman and Managing Director, NTPC and Member Secretary, WEC-IMC, welcomed the delegates and dignitaries and presented a "Global Macro Energy Scenario". Keynote addresses were delivered by Mr. Alok Perti, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal; Prof. J. K. Palit, Chair of the Board of Governors, NIT Kurukshetra; and Dr. S. Banerjee, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary, DAE.

For full participants lists and key conclusions and recommendations from the Roundtable sessions, please visit either [www.wecimc.org](http://www.wecimc.org) or [www.indiaenergycongress.in](http://www.indiaenergycongress.in)

## WEC Looking Ahead

### Foren 2010 is just over two months away

From June 13 to 17, 2010, the Central and Eastern Europe energy community will gather in Neptun-Olimp, Romania, for the 10th Regional Energy Forum - FOREN 2010 - with the theme 'Energy and Major Regional Issues: Dialogue and Cooperation'. The Forum will be attended by more than 1,000 international and national leaders and decision-makers from all segments of the energy industry and there will be a prominent international multi-energy exhibition, comprising of 70 booths.

FOREN 2010 aims to play a key role in shaping the solutions needed to respond to the challenges facing the European energy sector. You can find detailed information, updated daily, on the official website: [www.cnr-cme.ro/foren2010](http://www.cnr-cme.ro/foren2010)

## Congress Update

### Star-studded speaker list!

Nearly 200 speakers from 52 countries are confirmed for the Montreal Congress so far. These include:

- Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor of California (USA)
- Thierry Vandal, President & CEO of Hydro-Québec (Canada)
- Angel Gurría, Secretary General, OECD
- Georgina Kessel, Secretary of Energy (Mexico)
- Peter Löscher, President & CEO, Siemens AG (Germany)
- Johannes Teyssen, President, E-ON (Germany)
- Peter Voser, CEO, Shell
- Joseph Hogan, CEO, ABB (Switzerland)
- Anne Lauvergeon, President, Areva
- Paolo Scaroni, CEO, ENI (Italy)



For more information and a full list of confirmed speakers, please visit the official Congress website: <http://www.wecmontreal2010.ca/en/archives/news/291-mai-2010-plus-de-200-conferenciers.html>

## WEC Agenda

We invite our members to attend the following events:

### May 12; Copenhagen, Denmark

-WEC Denmark Conference 2010: 'Security of Supply'  
-Organised by the Danish Energy Industry and the Danish Energy Association  
-Contact: [sgj@danskenergi.dk](mailto:sgj@danskenergi.dk)

### May 17-19; Istanbul, Turkey

-International 'Energy and Youth' Workshop  
-Organised by Turkish Member Committee  
-Contact: [wectnc@tr.net](mailto:wectnc@tr.net)

### May 27; Bucharest, Romania

-RNC Conference: 'Protection of Critical Infrastructures'  
-Organised by WEC Romanian National Committee  
-Contact: [ghbalan@cnr-cme.ro](mailto:ghbalan@cnr-cme.ro)

### June 3-4; Thessaloniki, Greece

-4th South East Europe Energy Dialogue  
-Organised by Institute of Energy for South East Europe (IENE) in collaboration with WEC-Europe region  
-Contact: [secretariat@iene.gr](mailto:secretariat@iene.gr)

### June 9-11; Beijing, China

-WEC Officers Council and Finance Committee (CLOSED MEETINGS) and Asia Energy Leaders Summit  
-Contact: [best@worldenergy.org](mailto:best@worldenergy.org)

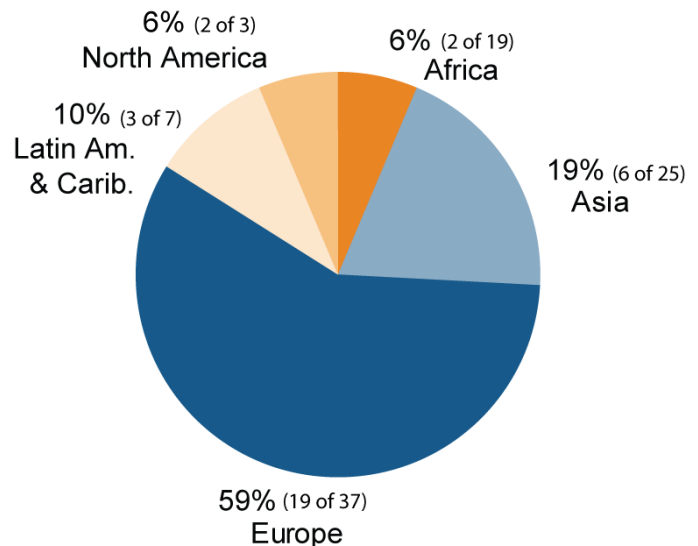
For further events and more details, please check the Events page on the WEC website...

## Inside Insight

### Energy and Climate Policy Assessment 2010

This year's Assessment work is proceeding well; to date, the energy and climate policies in 30 WEC countries have been reviewed, responses to a survey have been received from more than 220 energy related industries, and a draft updated Assessment Index has been prepared. We are currently seeking input from WEC Member Committees to solicit their views on energy and climate policy - the chart below shows the participation of MCs by region so far. We would be grateful for your support in helping us to achieve more regional balance in this respect.

A first draft report of this year's iteration of the Assessment will be distributed to the Members in mid-June 2010 for comments by early July and we would appreciate you taking some time to study the draft and send us your comments. For further information or if you have any queries, please contact Sandra Biesel at the WEC London Office: [biesel@worldenergy.org](mailto:biesel@worldenergy.org)



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