



Participated in “Kitakyushu GX Day 2026.2.9”

On February 9, 2026, COO Shigetake and Director Takada of the GX Acceleration Agency (GXA) participated in “Kitakyushu GX Day 2026.2.9,” hosted by the Kitakyushu GX Promotion Consortium.

1. Overview of “Kitakyushu GX Day 2026.2.9”

[Date] Monday, February 9, 2026

[Organizers] Kitakyushu GX Promotion Consortium

The event was held under the theme “GX × Finance × Corporate Growth,” bringing together stakeholders to share the latest insights and practical case studies aimed at shaping the future of local businesses.

Discussions covered a wide range of topics, including large-scale industrial transformations such as GX efforts in the steel sector and the development of offshore wind supply chains, as well as the local companies’ challenges and opportunities in advancing GX initiatives.

2. Summary of the speech and panel discussions

(1) Keynote Speech by COO Shigetake

COO Shigetake emphasized that Japan should not slow down its GX efforts but rather accelerate them while global trends are converging toward a more pragmatic approach that advances decarbonization alongside a stronger emphasis on industrial competitiveness and energy security.

COO Shigetake also pointed out that Kitakyushu and the broader Kyushu region have the potential to become a best-practice model for GX industrial clustering and structural transformation due to their diverse industrial base. In particular, he highlighted the region’s strong potential in offshore wind, including the development of a wide-area supply chain encompassing components, materials, and port infrastructure, with prospects for expansion from Kitakyushu to the wider Kyushu region and even into Asian markets.

In closing, he stressed the importance of continued public-private collaboration to realize GX. He reaffirmed GXA’s commitment to supporting regional and corporate initiatives through financial support, the implementation and



operation of the GX-ETS, and its Hub functions.



(2) Panel Discussion: “GX × Finance × Corporate Growth”

Panelists:

- Hideki Takada, GX Acceleration Agency
- Emi Onozuka, Future Design Initiative by Science and Finance (FDSF)
- Ryuichi Kamizono, The Bank of Fukuoka, Ltd.
- Hironobu Ichimaru, ROCKY-ICHIMARU Co., Ltd.
- Taihei Shibata, City of Kitakyushu

Moderator: Toshikazu Mito, Kitakyushu Foundation for the Advancement of Industry, Science and Technology

The panelists discussed expanding GX initiatives including those for regional SMEs, addressing implementation challenges, global trends, and the future direction of the Kitakyushu GX Promotion Consortium.

Director Takada highlighted GXA’s emphasis on regional engagement, including the establishment of the Region Liaison Office. He noted that expanding GX efforts requires a supply chain-wide approach and introduced ongoing initiatives in which large corporations support the decarbonization of SMEs.

He also observed that while anti-ESG movements exist in the United States, the overall trend of decarbonization investment remains unchanged, driven by the need to secure future competitiveness. In addition, he explained that the growing electricity demand, particularly driven by AI, is accelerating investment in clean



energy, which enables a faster and lower-cost electricity supply. He noted that this trend also offers important insights into potential growth opportunities for Kyushu.

Finally, he mentioned the launch of the GX Strategic Regions, which will accelerate the implementation of GX industrial location policies. He concluded by expressing GXA's intention to strengthen the collaboration between the upcoming GX Future Consortium, for which GXA will serve as the secretariat, and regional public-private consortia.



(Reference) Kitakyushu GX Promotion Consortium

Established in 2023, the Kitakyushu GX Promotion Consortium aims to leverage carbon neutrality as an opportunity for growth by attracting GX-related public and private investment. Bringing together industry, academia, government, and finance, the consortium promotes social implementation, industrial clustering, corporate growth, and the creation of new industries—capitalizing on the strengths of the Kitakyushu Science and Research Park—toward realizing a vibrant and economically sustainable city.

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