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**Re: The 34<sup>th</sup> Clean Coal Day in Japan International Symposium (2025) and Energy Security with Decarbonisation Symposium 2025**

The South African Embassy in Tokyo wishes to extend its heartfelt congratulations on hosting the Clean Coal Day International Symposium. Having enjoyed a long working relationship with yourself, your commitment to advancing energy policy dialogue is commended.

The carbon intensity of the South African economy remains high, with the power sector as the largest contributor. Fossil fuels make up approximately 80% of South Africa's energy mix, with the majority consisting of coal. In response to the need to decarbonise its energy mix, as coal will continue to be used in the foreseeable future, South Africa has established several national strategies to expand renewable energy by accelerating the decarbonisation of key sectors. Through the Just Transition Framework, the Government will oversee and facilitate a Just Transition to a low-emissions and climate resilient economy with a focus on financing for renewable energy and technological advancements. A Carbon Capture Utilisation project has been successfully demonstrated at two sites in South Africa.

As South Africa, we are fully aware that without enhanced international collaboration in support of our decarbonisation efforts, achieving net zero emissions could be delayed by decades. The need for collaboration, investment and innovation to transform the commitments made into actionable interventions, ultimately contributing to the establishment of an equitable and just net zero carbon emission scenario by 2050 is necessary.

Your bringing together experts and stakeholders to explore the future of clean technologies are sure to pave the way for innovative solutions and the strengthening of partnerships.

I wish to convey the Embassy's best wishes to you in hosting the 34<sup>th</sup> Clean Coal Day in Japan International Symposium (2025) and Energy Security with Decarbonisation Symposium 2025. We look forward to receiving the outcomes of this symposium.

Yours sincerely,



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