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# WFO and FLOWRA announce new Partnership

The World Forum Offshore Wind (WFO) and Floating Offshore Wind Technology Research Association (FLOWRA) of Japan are delighted to announce jointly that FLOWRA joins WFO as a new member. This collaboration marks a significant step in strengthening global efforts to advance the offshore wind industry.

As the leading global business platform for the offshore wind sector, WFO is committed to drive the growth of offshore wind on a global scale, by fostering innovation and collaboration across international boundaries. On the other hand, FLOWRA is working on research and development of common basic technologies as well as the reduction of costs and risks of floating offshore wind. The missions of the two organisations thus resonate with each other.

**Gunnar Herzig**, WFO's Managing Director says "This partnership reinforces WFO's commitment to advancing offshore wind worldwide. It also strengthens the efforts of our Floating Offshore Wind Committee. Our collaborative efforts will foster knowledge sharing and promote best practices."

**Sayuri Watanabe**, WFO's representative for Japan emphasizes the importance of this new collaboration. "By partnering with FLOWRA, we are not only enhancing our network but also committing to support the growth of floating wind technology in Japan, ensuring it plays a crucial role in the country's energy transition."

**Masakatsu Terazaki**, Chairperson of FLOWRA says "We at FLOWRA are delighted to join WFO, the global platform for the development of offshore wind, and look forward to working with leaders and innovators from around the world towards a sustainable energy future. We hope to make the most of this valuable opportunity to learn about the latest technological trends, particularly in the field of floating wind, and to contribute to the development of the offshore wind market, including floating wind, by promoting collaboration through networking."

Together, WFO and FLOWRA are dedicated to fostering innovation and driving the acceleration the development of floating offshore wind projects in Japan, an area with immense potential for offshore wind energy production, benefiting both the environment and the economy.

## About WFO:

WFO (World Forum Offshore Wind) is the world's leading business platform for the offshore wind industry. By connecting and supporting our members, WFO is helping to make offshore wind one of the world's leading sources of renewable energy. All information about WFO, our activities, and how to join us as a member are available on our website: www.wfo-global.org

## About FLOWRA:

FLOWRA (Floating Offshore Wind Research Association) is a technology research association working on research and development of common basic technologies as well as the reduction of costs and risks of floating offshore wind. Ensuring the smooth and steady introduction and commercialization of floating offshore wind in Japan, we are working in partnership with other countries, drawing on the knowledge and technology of the member companies involved, with the guidance and cooperation of all stakeholders concerned. Public information can be found on the website: https://flowra.or.jp/en/

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