

Signing of MoU with Innovation Norway on Furthering Collaboration in Floating Offshore Wind

Synergizing the Strengths of Norway and Japan to Establish Construction Technologies and Promote Collaboration Across the Entire Industrial Ecosystem

The Floating Offshore Wind Construction System Technology Research Association (hereinafter, FLOWCON) hereby announces that on June 3, 2026, we signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Innovation Norway, a Norwegian government agency, to explore further collaboration in developing technologies for floating offshore wind energy.

The MoU was signed by Ms. Heidi M. Dahl, the Regional Director for Asia & the Middle East of Innovation Norway, and Mr. Tetsushi Noguchi, the Chairman of FLOWCON. Ms. Marianne Sivertsen Næss, Minister of Fisheries and Ocean Policy, and Mr. Adachi, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, honored the ceremony with their presence, representing both nations. This event marked an important milestone toward deepening strategic cooperation between the two countries.

■ Background and Purpose of the MoU

Characterized by their extensive coastlines and deep waters, both Norway and Japan inherently hold vast potential for advancing floating offshore wind energy. Leveraging more than half a century of offshore experience in the oil and gas sector, particularly in the North Sea, Norway possesses advanced deepwater and maritime expertise and insights that are being actively applied to Today's offshore wind development.

This MoU aims to pave the way for the future commercialization and expansion of floating offshore wind by fusing Norway's core competencies with Japan's advanced technological capabilities.

■ Main Cooperation Contents and Future Developments

Moving forward, Innovation Norway and FLOWCON will advance specific and practical cooperation through the following initiatives.

1. Joint Evaluation and Optimization of Construction Methods:

By combining our respective expertise, data, and technical capabilities, we will drive construction efficiency and optimize costs in floating offshore wind power construction. Through these efforts, we aim to establish large-scale and rapid installation methods for offshore wind power.

2. **Promoting Mutual Understanding:**

Through regular dialogue and cooperation, we will deepen our mutual understanding of the market conditions, regulatory environments, technological aspects, and operational frameworks (such as port and marine operations) of both countries. This shared insight will facilitate Norwegian companies' understanding of the promising Japanese market and expand opportunities for their participation, bringing significant value to both parties.

3. **Collaboration and Technology Exchange Across the Industrial Ecosystem:**

This initiative goes beyond organizational boundaries to connect the entire industrial ecosystem, uniting companies, research institutions, and academia. Operating as a shared platform, we will hold regular "Technical Exchange Meetings" on specific themes to foster ongoing dialogue toward reaching agreements on more practical initiatives in the future.

■ **About Innovation Norway**

Innovation Norway is the Norwegian Government's primary instrument for innovation and development of Norwegian enterprises and industry. The organization contributes to sustainable growth and exports for Norwegian businesses by providing access to expertise, capital, and global networks.



From right to left: Ms. Marianne Sivertsen Næss, Minister of Fisheries, Ms. Heidi M. Dahl, the Regional Director for Asia & the Middle East of Innovation Norway, Ocean Policy, Mr. Noguchi, the Chairman of FLOWCON, and Mr. Adachi, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism