

Towards a Northeast Asian Energy Partnership

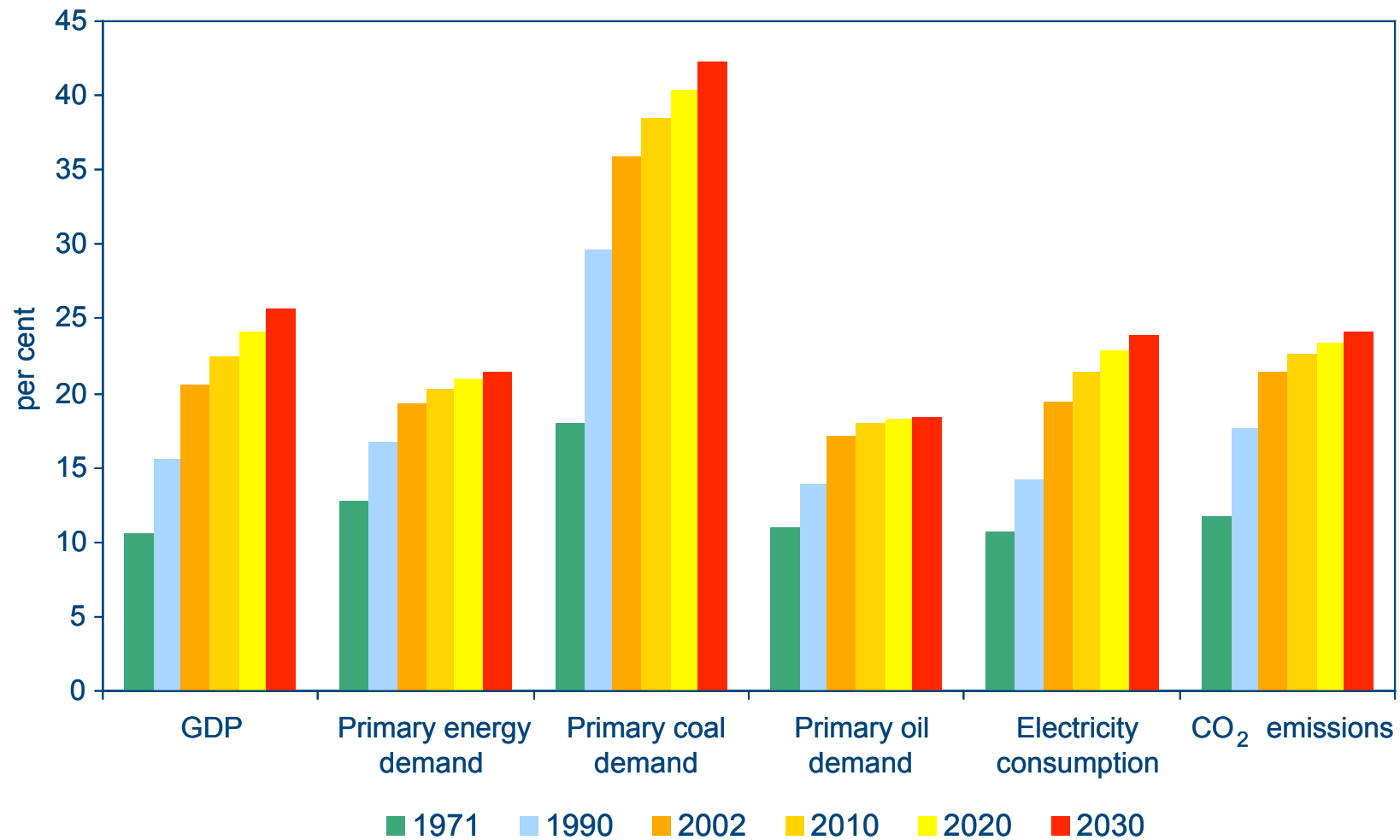
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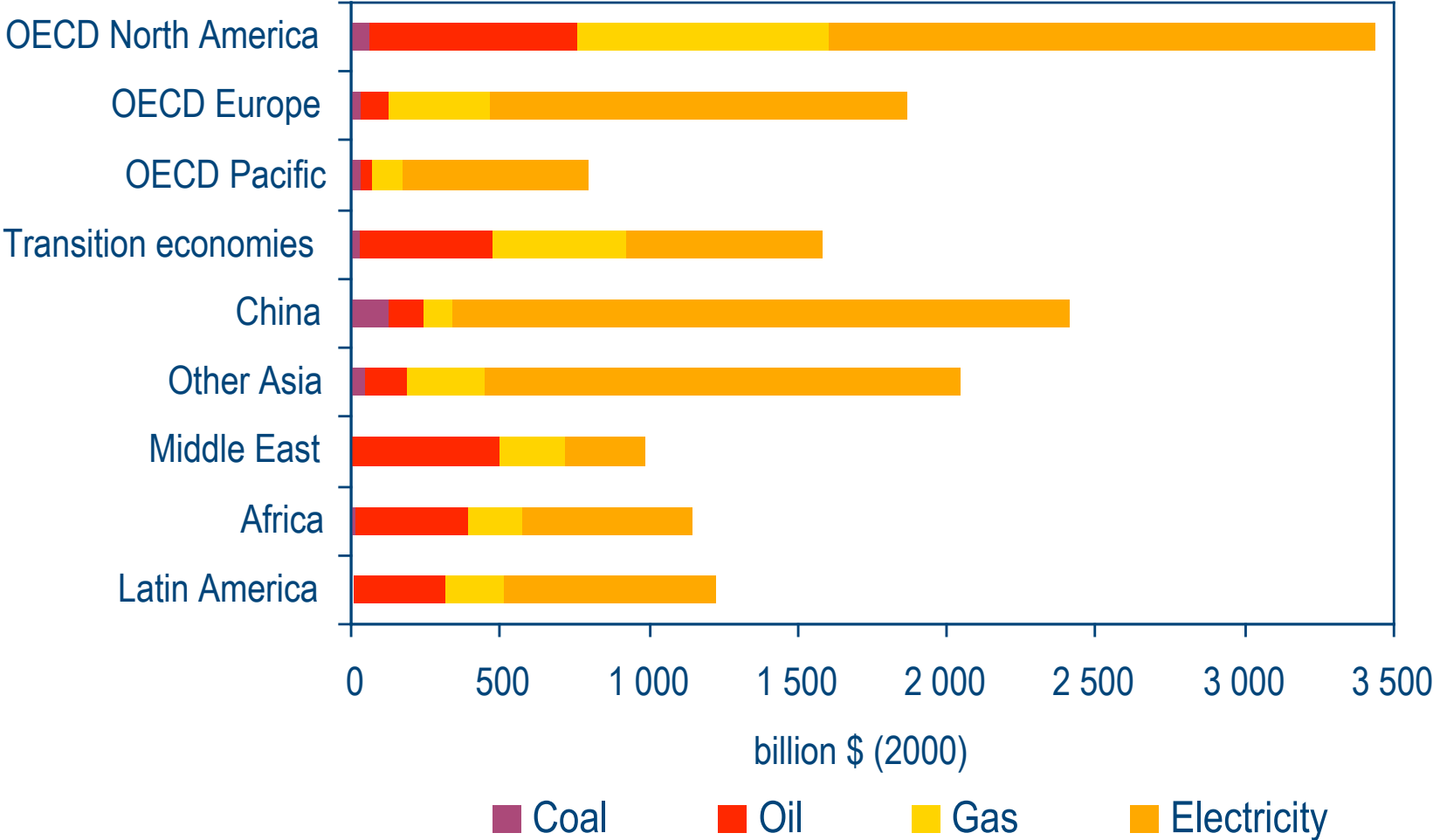
World Energy Situation & Its Implication

- 1. Fossil fuel age continues and oil remains the leading fuel**
- 2. Two-thirds of the increase in world energy demand upto 2030 comes from developing countries, especially in Asia**
- 3. Increased vulnerability to supply disruptions**
- 4. Rising CO₂ Emissions**
- 5. Huge investment in energy sector**
- 6. International cooperation needed**

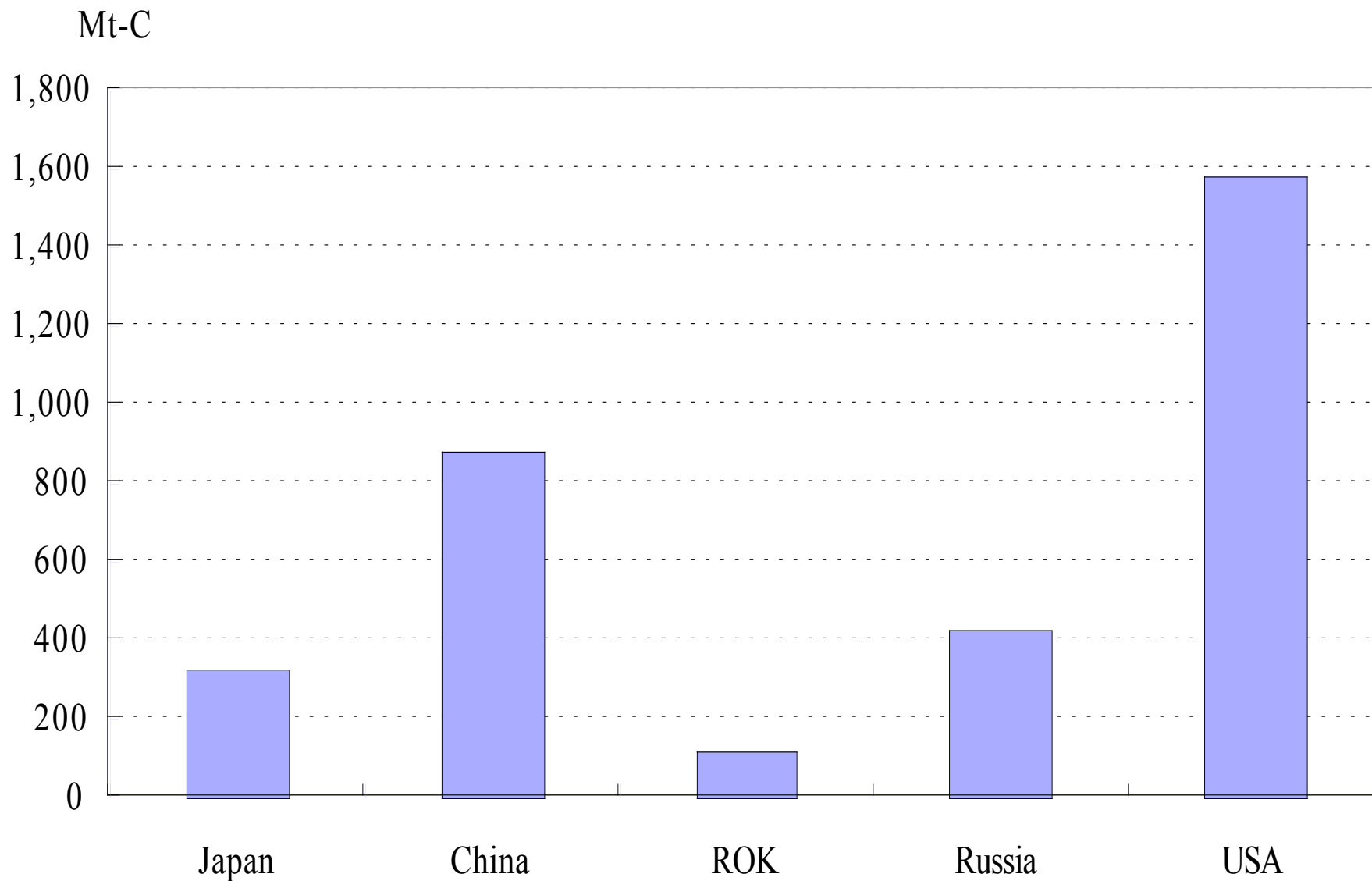
NEA's Share in the World: IEA



Cumulative Energy Investments: 2003-2030



CO₂ Emission 2000



Sources:IEEJ "Handbook of Energy & Economic Statistics in Japan"

Common Concerns about Energy in NEA (1)

1. Increasing Importance of Stable Energy Supply

- reduced volatility in oil markets
- long-term contracts of natural gas
- nuclear safety and waste disposal
- reliable energy trading partners

Common Concerns in NEA (2)

2. Reducing the environmental damage from energy usage: global & local environmental
→ regulation, gas & nuclear development, renewable energy, CO₂ storage
3. Improvement of energy efficiency
→ utilization of market mechanism

Energy Policy in 21st Century in NEA

- Assurance of Energy Security
- Improvement of Energy Efficiency
- Harmonization with Climate Change



International Cooperation
& Market Mechanism

Role of Electricity: a New Path to secure and competitive energy in carbon-constrained world

- on the supply side, the question of meeting climate change obligations at lowest cost and potential advances in power generation technology
- on the demand side, advances in efficient electro-technologies such as heat pumps and the potential of electricity in transport.

Key Trends Surrounding Electricity : '91-'30

Economy:

- (1) Low Oil Price \Rightarrow High Price \Rightarrow Oil Price level and Volatility ?**
- (2) No CO2 Price \Rightarrow Low CO2 Price \Rightarrow Level of CO2 Price?**

Technology:

- (1) No Extension of Nuclear (Dash for Gas in EU) \Rightarrow Nuclear Back \Rightarrow Extension of Nuclear ?**
- (2) Growth of Hydro, Solar, Wind \Rightarrow Government Subsidies of Renewables**

Key Trends Surrounding Electricity : '91-'30 (2)

Regulation:

Government Regulation \Rightarrow Deregulation \Rightarrow Post-Liberalization ?

Market:

Regionally monopolized \Rightarrow Competitive and internationally integrated

Business Model:

Vertically Integrated Companies \Rightarrow Multi Utility \Rightarrow Pan-NEA Model in a Globalized World?

Three Pillars for the Integration of Power Market

- (1) market structure and rules,**
- (2) standards of environmental protection and nuclear safety,**
- (3) technical infrastructure ensuring security of supply**

Barriers to open market and cross-boarder trade

- (1) Poor market design**
- (2) Inconsistent regulatory models**
- (3) Insufficient investment in networks and power generation**
- (4) Limited interconnection capacity**

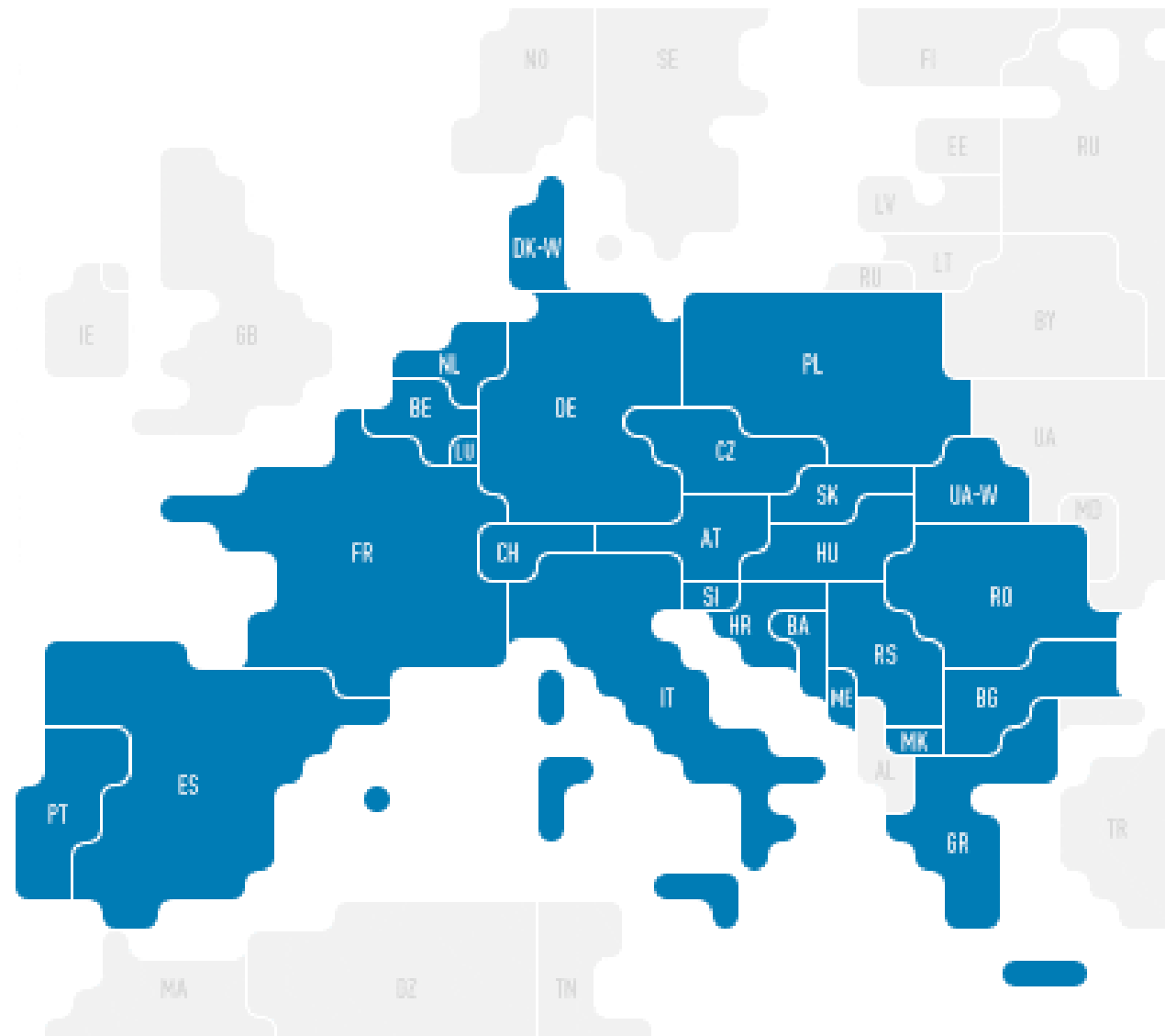
Developing International Trade

- **US and Canada**
- **EU: operated by UCTE and prospects for power market stretching across European continent ⇒ “Lisbon to Vladivostok”**
- **ASEAN: Launching ASEAN Power Grid**
- **NEA?**

UCTE- The Union for the Co-ordination of Transmission of Electricity

- International association of transmission system operators in continental Europe, located in Brussels
- **Through the networks of the UCTE, about 450 million people are supplied with electric energy; annual consumption totals approx. 2300 TWh.**

UCTE



EU's European Neighbourhood Policy

- **Enlargement of European electricity and gas market**
- **The market is based on common standards governing market access, environmental protection and safety rules.**
- **Three key mechanisms established:**
- **EU-Russia Energy Dialogue,**
- **EURO-Mediterranean Energy Partnership**
- **The initiative for a South-east European regional energy market**

NEAEF proposes the creation of NEA version of EU

- **To start with the integration of infrastructure in energy (gas and electricity), transport and communications in NEA countries**
- **Their availability and efficiency encourage entrepreneurship and investments, leading to economic prosperity in the region.**

Integration of regional infrastructure is tough goal in NEA

- **The region is geographically diverse and its economies are at different level of**
- **development**
- **Funding for infrastructure investment might be also the biggest problem**
- **Despite the difficulties, NEA should make the development of infrastructure linkage one of its primary goals**

NEA's Energy Strategy

- 1. Energy savings: supply side and demand side - the massive potential for China**
- 2. Development of domestic energy: coal and nuclear**
- 3. Diversification of energy import markets
- the use of Siberian and Central Asian gas**
- 4. Introduction of new market system for electricity and gas sector**

NEA Power Grid

- **Improvement in the reliability and quality of electricity**
- **Economic benefit through sharing reserve margins**
- **Full utilization of scale economies**
- **Commercial export and import of electricity**
- **More efficient output and lower generating costs**

The grid should safeguard against the spread of a disturbance in one system to the other

Transmission Lines



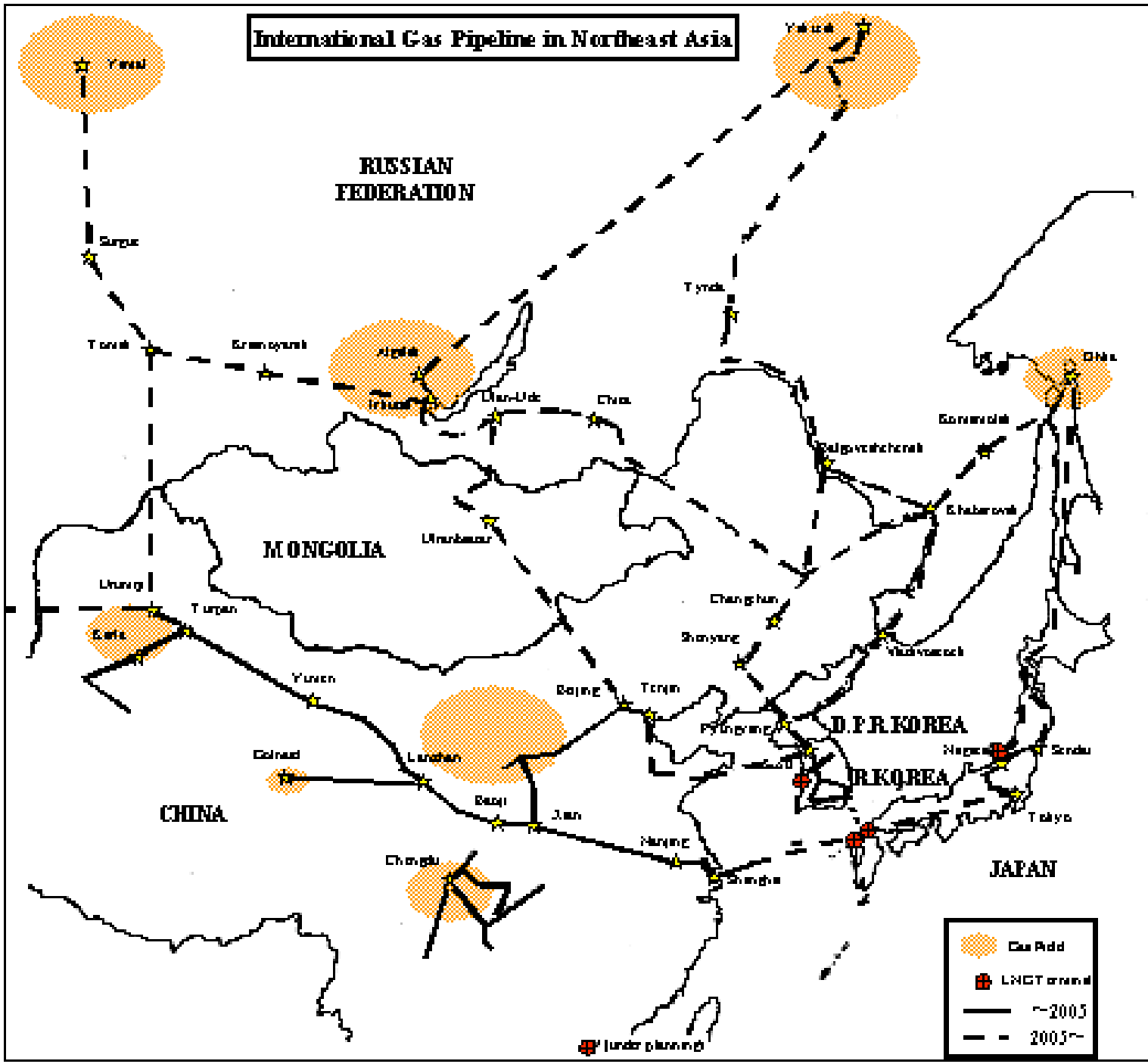
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Natural Gas Pipelines



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International Gas Pipeline in Northeast Asia



**Why not start now with
feasibility study of NEA power
grid for the future prosperity
and sustainable development of
this region?**