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# #JapanLovesDirtyEnergy: Activists Across the World Organize Action Featuring Giant Prime Minister Kishida Mask to Protest Japan's Dirty Energy Policy

HIROSHIMA: On May 18th, as government officials gather for the G7 Hiroshima Summit from May 19th to 21st, activists will organize a creative visual action to protest the Japanese government's support for fossil fuels. As part of a global week of action, they will urge Prime Minister Kishida to stop intentionally and strategically undermining Asian and global decarbonization, and to end Japan's support for fossil fuels.

#### WHAT:

Photo opportunity with a large three dimensional mask depicting Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida holding chunks of coal, together with G6 leaders holding an inflatable gas pipeline, with planet Earth in crisis between them. Photos free for use by media will be posted to <a href="https://onl.sc/pvsFXWM">https://onl.sc/pvsFXWM</a> shortly after the event.



#### WHERE: Near Hiroshima Castle.

\*If the action cannot take place near Hiroshima castle, the media will be notified of location change by 8:30 AM on the day of action on this webpage. (https://onl.la/nFKiXxh).

\*Protests and photo Actions are planned in the days leading up to the G7 Summit as part of a global week of action to stop Japan's dirty energy strategy. Roughly 50 actions are planned in 20 countries including Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Estonia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, UK, Ukraine, the United States, and Vietnam. For more information on these global activities please reach out to Susanne Wong (susanne@priceofoil.org).



WHEN: Thursday, May 18, 9:30-10:00 am JST

WHO: International activists from the Fossil Free Japan Coalition

WHY: G7's reliance on fossil fuels, especially Japan's continued fossil fuel financing is fueling the climate crisis and undermining global action to address it. Globally, particularly from the Global South, Japan's dirty energy policy has raised deep concerns. Activists around the world will unite under the common hashtag #JapanLovesDirtyEnergy and urge Japan to end its fossil fuel finance.



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\*FOSSIL FREE JAPAN is a coalition of dozens of civil society organizations and movements from Japan and across the world working together to end Japan's support for gas, coal and oil.

https://fossilfreejapan.org/