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“Japan's CCUS policy”

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Mr. Saeki also supported to establish Japanese affiliated companies – “Japan Hydrogen Forum (JH2F)” in December, 2022 to support the US decarbonization efforts. He has reached many leaders of hydrogen energy in California and other regions across the United States.

Mr. Saeki previously worked as the principal deputy director at Mineral Resources Div. in ANRE, METI. He was engaged in designating “national strategic elements” and securing procurement and investment through the amendment to JOGMEC. He also led the bilateral and multilateral natural resources diplomacy to secure the stable supply of critical minerals to Japan.

He joined the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan in 2001 and has been in charge of various high-tech areas, such as aerospace and defense, metals & materials, bio, health care and information technology.

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