# Current Status and Vision of CCUS in Republic of Korea

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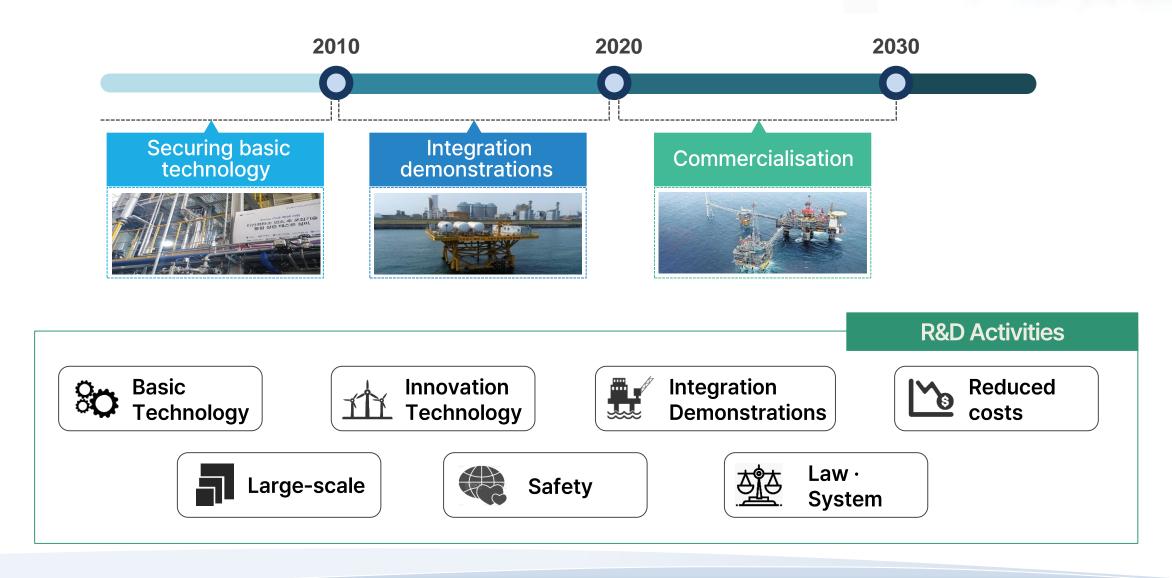


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### 01. Current status: R&D Activities in Korea

**Main R&D topics and technical development stages** 



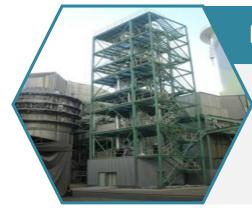
# 02. Current status: Status of Capture Technology

**©** Conventional capture technology in power generation

#### Post-combustion absorption capture technology: Boryeong Thermal Power Plant

- Successful construction and long-term operation of the largest 10 MW wet capture plant in Korea
- The absorbent (Kosol) has a CO<sub>2</sub> absorption rate of about 90%, the purity of captured CO<sub>2</sub> is 99.9%
- Cost about USD 29 ~32 (Capture : USD 22, Compression : USD 7 ~ 11)





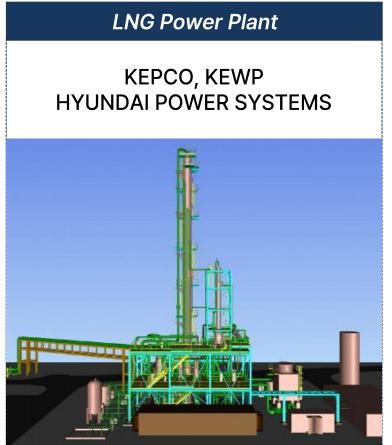
#### Post-combustion adsorption capture technology: Hadong Thermal Power Plant

- Successful construction and long-term operation of the largest 10 MW dry capture plant in Korea
- The solid-state adsorbers have a CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption rate about 85% and a captured CO<sub>2</sub> purity of 99%
- Cost about USD 45~49 (Capture : USD 22, Compression : USD 7 ~ 11)

## 02. Current status: Status of Capture Technology

**Technical development in field of blue hydrogen, LNG power plant and Direct air capture** 

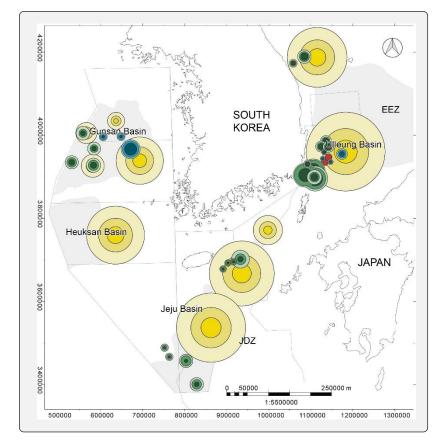






# 03. Current status: Assessment of Carbon Storage Formation in Korea

#### Result of Site Screening and Evaluation of Storage Capacity in Korea



Sea Area	1 step	2 step	3 step	4 step
West sea	94	15.4	5.4	=
South sea	196	13.6	-	÷
East sea	314.6	56.8	1.93	0.14
Total	640.6	85.8	7.33	0.14

- Estimation on Korea's domestic CO<sub>2</sub> Storage
   Capacity: about 1 billion tons
  - ✓ Storage sites: conventional storage sites (600 million tons), marginal storage sites (200 million tons), through enhanced injection efficiency (200 million tons, 25% increase)
  - ✓ The 2050 Carbon Neutrality Scenario aims to reduce approximately 60 millions tons of CO₂ emissions through CCS, of which 50% involves overseas CCS projects
- The scale and geological features of domestic storage sites are not sufficient for large-scale CCS projects (limited national territory)
  - √ Importance of cross-border projects

# 04. Current status: Small-scale Demonstration of Carbon Storage Technology

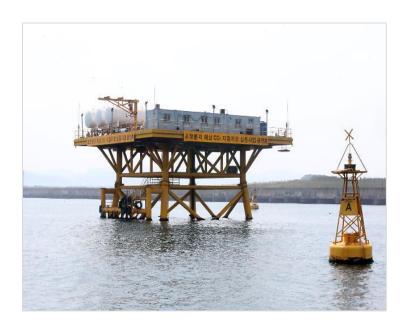
Carbon dioxides was collected from power plant capture facility

Subsea pipeline transportation

Offshore CO<sub>2</sub> injection platform is located at Youngil Bay

66 Small-scale offshore CO2 storage demonstration project in Pohang Basin, South Korea ??





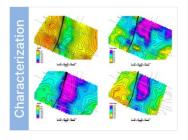
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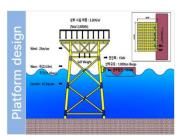
**Success of 100 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> injection demonstration ('17.2)** 



















First successful demonstration of CO<sub>2</sub> injection in Korea Achievement of more than 80% technological independence

# 05. Current status: Crisis due to Earthquake and New Beginning

#### **®** Risk and crisis due to public acceptance issues

- Occurrence of induced earthquakes caused by geothermal EGS project ('17. 11)
- Opposition from Pohang citizens and worsening public opinion on CCS project
- Rigorous and transparent investigation and communication with civil society
- Resumption and expansion of CCS projects and business

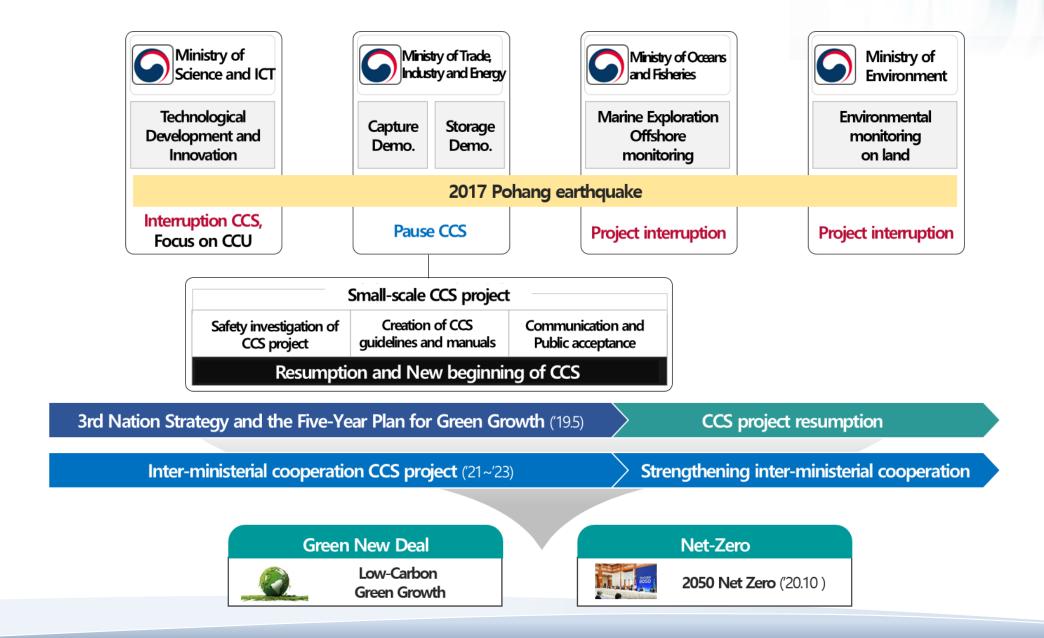








# 05. Current status: Crisis due to Earthquake and New Beginning



# 06. Vision: Carbon Neutrality Pledge and Act

- © Carbon Neutrality Pledge('20. Oct.)
  - Key policy initiatives guide Korea's approach to carbon neutrality and the commercialization of CCUS
  - ✓ CCUS technology represents a critical means to achieve Korea's 30-year NDC and 2050 Carbon Neutrality Goals

**Government Action timeline** '20 Oct 2050 carbon neutrality pledge announced '21 Apr 2030 NDC target announced to the international society '21 Sept Korea enacted the "Carbon Neutrality Framework Act" '21 Oct 2050 Carbon neutrality scenarios released



# 06. Vision: Carbon Neutrality Pledge and Act

- © Carbon Neutrality Act('21. Sept.)
  - Strengthening GHG Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation

National Vision Transition to a carbon-neutral society by 2050 and promote harmonious development of the environment and economy

National Strategy

- Achieve Carbon Neutrality Responsibly through Specific and Effective GHG Reductions
- ② Innovative Carbon Neutrality & Green Growth Led By the Private Sector
- ③ Carbon Neutrality through Cooperation and Understanding with all Members of Society
- ② Carbon Neutrality that Leads the International Efforts on Climate Change Adaptation

Mid-to long term Reduction Targets

Aiming to Reduce "GHG Emissions by 40%" by 2030



# 07. Vision: 2030 NDC & 2050 Carbon Neutrality Scenario

- **®** Key policy initiatives guide Korea's approach to carbon neutrality and the commercialization of CCUS
  - CCS: reduce approximately 60 million ton of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through CCS
  - CCU: reduce approximately 25.2 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through mineral carbonization, chemical-, and biological- conversion and other processes

# By 2030, Korea aims to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 11.2 Mt\* through CCUS (CCS 4.8 MTPA, CCU 6.4 CCU MPTA)

Comprehensive 2050 Carbon Neutral Scenarios (Proposed)

<b>Emission Reduction Method</b>	Scenario A	Scenario B
CCUS	-55.1 Mt	-84.6 Mt

In both 2050 scenarios, CCUS is forecast to play a major role in Korea's decarbonization (Announced October 18, 2021)

# 07. Vision: 2030 NDC & 2050 Carbon Neutrality Scenario

#### **©** Paris Agreement Sets Need to Establish NDCs

- Korea's commitment to the Paris Agreement through it's NDC Give Priority to CCUS
- NDC Target Reduce GHG emissions by 40% by 2030, compared to 2018-levels
  - 72.76 Million Tons to 436.6 million by 2030
- Adjustments to Sectoral Targets Finalized ('23.3), 40% reduction goal by 2030 maintained
  - CCUS Sectoral Goal Revised from 10.3 to 11.2 million tons (900,000 ton increase)
  - (CCS 4.8 million tons) CO<sub>2</sub> storage site exploration in the East and West Sea Continental shelves. securing large-scale storage (120 million tons, by '23) through drilling, and actively securing overseas storage
  - (CCU 6.4 million tons) Promoting the private sector through commercialization R&D and various institutional supports
     → Full-scale demonstration in '26 to reduce 6.4 million tons per year by '30



Energy Transformation (145.9)



Industries (230.7)



Buildings (35.0)



Transportation (61.0)



Agriculture, Livestock, and fisheries(18.0)



Waste (9.1)



Hydrogen (8.4)



Carbon Sicks (-26.7)



CCUS (-11.2)



Overseas Reduction (-37.5)

# 07. Vision: 2030 NDC & 2050 Carbon Neutrality Scenario

#### Announcement of Korea's 2050 Carbon Neutrality Scenarios

- (Background) Need to materialize future plans in accordance with Korea's carbon neutrality declaration ('20.10)
  - "2050 Carbon Neutrality Scenario" prepared to specify the future of 2050 carbon neutrality and to specify the policy direction necessary for the structural transformation of the entire society ('20.12~)
- Government Formed a Technical Working Group to Develop the Scenarios
  - (Scenario A) Achieving zero net domestic emissions by 2050 by reducing emissions as much as possible, including a complete shutdown of thermal power generation
  - (Scenario B) Achieving zero net domestic emissions by 2050 by fully utilizing technological alternatives for CO<sub>2</sub> removal, such as CCUS, while retaining partial generation of thermal power using LNG

#### CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions By Sector, Reduction Targets

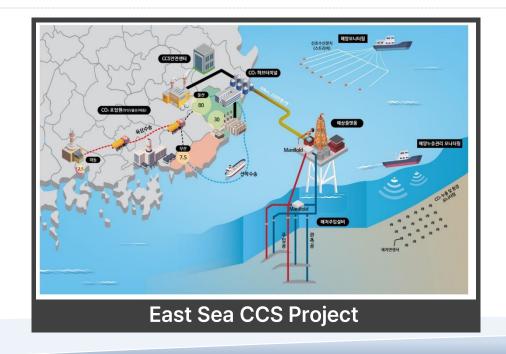
(Unit: million tons CO<sub>2</sub>eq)

		Gross Emissions	Conversion	Industry	Building	Transportation	Livestock & Fisheries	Waste	Hydrogen	Fugitive Emission	Carbon Sinks	ccus	DAC
	Scenario A	0	0	51.1	6.2	2.8	15.4	4.4	0	0.5	-25.3	-55.1	-
	Scenario B	0	20.7	51.1	6.2	9.2	15.4	4.4	9.0	1.3	-25.3	-84.6	-7.4

# 08. Vision: Large-scale CCS Demonstration Project

#### **© "EAST SEA CCS PROJECT": Korea's First Large-Scale Demonstration**

- Aim Reduce 1.2 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year to meet Korea's NDC targets, safely and economically realize CCS through integrated, large-scale demonstration in the East Sea
- Ministries Involved Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Energy (Lead), Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (support)
- Donghae CCS will capture CO<sub>2</sub> from regional industrial and power plants in Korea's Southeast coast and store it in the Donghae-1 Gas field
- Injection to begin in 2027, upscale to 1.2 million tons/year by 2030





# 09. Vision: Preparation for CCU Flagship Demonstration Program

#### **© CCU Roadmap for Technical Development**

- The Korean CCU Roadmap is the long-term strategy for the technological advancement and commercialization of CO<sub>2</sub> utilization
- Korean CCU Roadmap('21.5)
  - Vision: Achieve carbon neutrality and spur new industries through CCU technological innovation
  - Policy Objectives
    - Have 14 commercial CCU products by '30
    - Achieve price competitiveness within existing market by '40

2025 2030 2035 2030 Securing Commercialized 2040 Securing Cost 2025 Securing Technological **CCU Products** Competitiveness Competitiveness Relative to comparable advanced Present - No such production Present – Research stage countries ✔ Present - 80%, By 2025 - 90% chemical conversion, 4 mineralization) competitiveness with existing market

# 10. Vision: Legislation on CCUS and Transboundary CCS in Korea

#### © Legislation and Building an Institutional and Systematic Foundation

- Progress on legislating the capture, transport, storage, and utilization of CO2
  - Introducing legislation to the National Assembly by preparing a draft in cooperation with Ministries (MOTIE, etc.) and the Presidential Commission on Carbon Neutrality and Green Growth
  - Enact CCUS law at early 2024, revise and finalize subordinate legislation in the first half of 2024

#### **Background and progress**

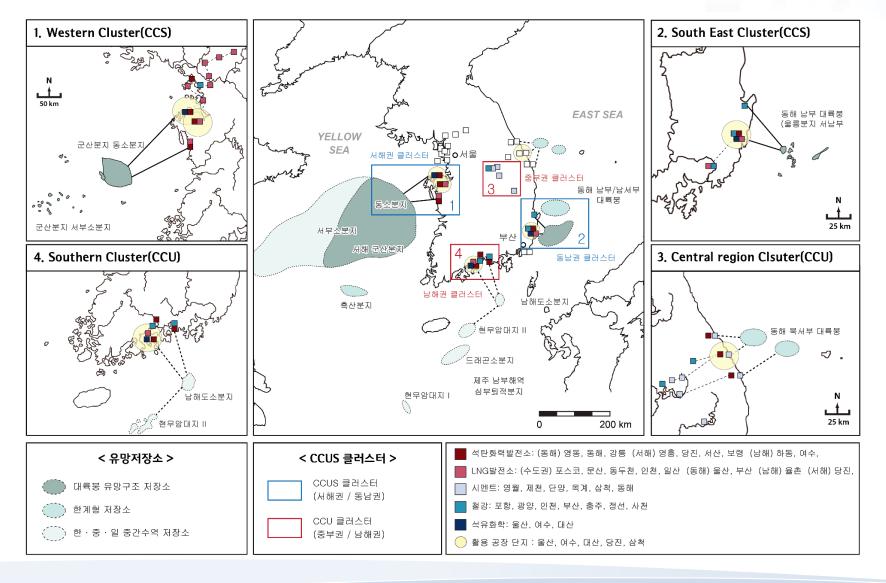
- **② (Background)** CCUS is partially regulated by more than 40 laws without a single law, so there is a consensus among ministries to establish a basis law for efficient CCUS commercialization, etc.
- **(Progress)** After agreeing on the need for legislation, research was promoted through a multidisciplinary CCUS project, a cross-ministerial council led by Prime Minister's Secretariat was organized to discuss the issue, and a bill was drafted through a bill drafting taskforce (MOTIE)

#### Composition of Act on capture, transport, storage, and utilize of carbon dioxide(draft)

- (Purpose) Contribute to efficiently responding to the climate crisis and developing new industries by establishing a legal basis for CCUS
- (Contents) Consisting of relevant provisions such as General Provisions Establishment of Master plan
   Installation of capture facilities, etc. Exploration of storage candidate sites Permission of storage
   projects Designation and operation of integrated complexes Promotion of industries including capture

# 10. Vision: Legislation on CCUS and Transboundary CCS in Korea

#### **© CCUS Hub & Cluster in Korea**



# 10. Vision: Legislation on CCUS and Transboundary CCS in Korea

#### **Mathematical Methods Mathematical Methods**Mathematical Methods and Projects of Cross-border CCS

- Cross-border CCS is being promoted based on procedures for international cooperation
  - Korea completed its IMO deposition as of April 2022
  - After deposition, agreement/arrangement is needed for specification, so inter-governmental discussions are necessary
  - Currently in preparation for CCS cooperation MOU and agreement/arrangement with Australia and Malaysia

#### AUSTRALIA: SK E&S – BU Project

- CCS project to convert the Bayu-Undan gas field (located offshore northwest of Australia/south of Timor-Leste) for CO<sub>2</sub> storage after production ends ('23) is underway, pending completion of institutional framework by relevant countries
- Overview : Conversion of the Bayu Undan natural gas production facility offshore Timor-Leste into a CCS plant
- Scale: 10 Mt per year (260 Mt total)
- Timeline: FEED (March 2023) → BU gas field production ends (late 2023) → CO<sub>2</sub> storage conversion > commercial operation (expected 2026)

#### MALAYSIA: Samsung Engineering Consortium – SHEPHERD Project

- A hub project between Asian countries that aims to capture CO<sub>2</sub> generated domestically, transport and store it in Malaysia (Sarawak), explore local storage sites, and develop the entire value chain from domestic carbon capture to transportation and storage
- Overview: 10 companies are participating as a consortium, currently finalizing F/S and aiming for injection in 2027-28
- Scale: Hubs in 2 industrial complexes (Yeosu/Ulsan) to capture 1 Mt per year (2028), with plans to expand to up to 3 Mt in 2030, (depending on policy and status of nearby complexes)
- Timeline: Full value chain F/S completed (August 2023) → Preparing to start the next phase (pre-FEED/FEED) for each operator
   → EPC to start after FID (expected in 2025)

