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Known in Japan as “Mr. Energy Shift”, in the last five years, he has been one of the top opinion leaders in Japan promoting a “new generation of energy policies” with a special focus on renewable energy. Besides the work as his non-profit and independent position, he is appointed as the Governmental committee member for “Energy Policy” and “Renewable Energy Policy” both for Minister of Economy, Industry and Trade as well as member for National Environmental Council for the Minister of Environment.

In September 2011, Mr. Iida launched the Japan Renewable Energy Foundation which brings together some 100 experts from around the world to analyse obstacles to implementing renewable energy, and offer policy recommendations to the new Japanese government.

His background includes work in the Japanese nuclear industry as a researcher/engineer, and also as a policy coordinator both in electricity supply sector and the nuclear bureaucracy.

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