

63% of Japanese voters want strong climate targets.



Will they get them?

A decision next week on climate targets will shape Japan's global reputation—and a new poll shows there is political support to set a strong target.

To stop a climate catastrophe, scientists say emissions cuts of 25% to 40% are needed from developed countries like Japan by 2020. These cuts will drive clean energy innovation and a sustainable economic recovery, and get developing countries like China and India on board with a global deal.

Some claim that public support in Japan for bold climate action is low. But **an independent poll released today found that 63% of Japanese voters support a target of cutting emissions by 25% or more.** 61% of voters say ambitious 2020 targets would help the Japanese economy, and 85% say it is important for Japan to be seen as a world leader in combating climate change.

After a public consultation process for Japan's 2020 target (stage-managed by industry lobbyists), advisers urged weak measures that would undermine Japan's global image and set the bar low for other countries. **If Japan fails this test, hopes will shrink for a strong global deal at the climate summit in Copenhagen, leaving the world at risk.**

The time for action is running short. The people of Japan and citizens around the world should seek a bold move by their leaders:

Set a 25% or stronger 2020 climate target!

The poll, conducted by the global firm Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research, surveyed 976 voting-age Japanese adults via telephone from May 18-25, 2009. For details, see avaaz.org/japanpoll.

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