

# Base Metal Flows and Securing Mineral Resources in Japan

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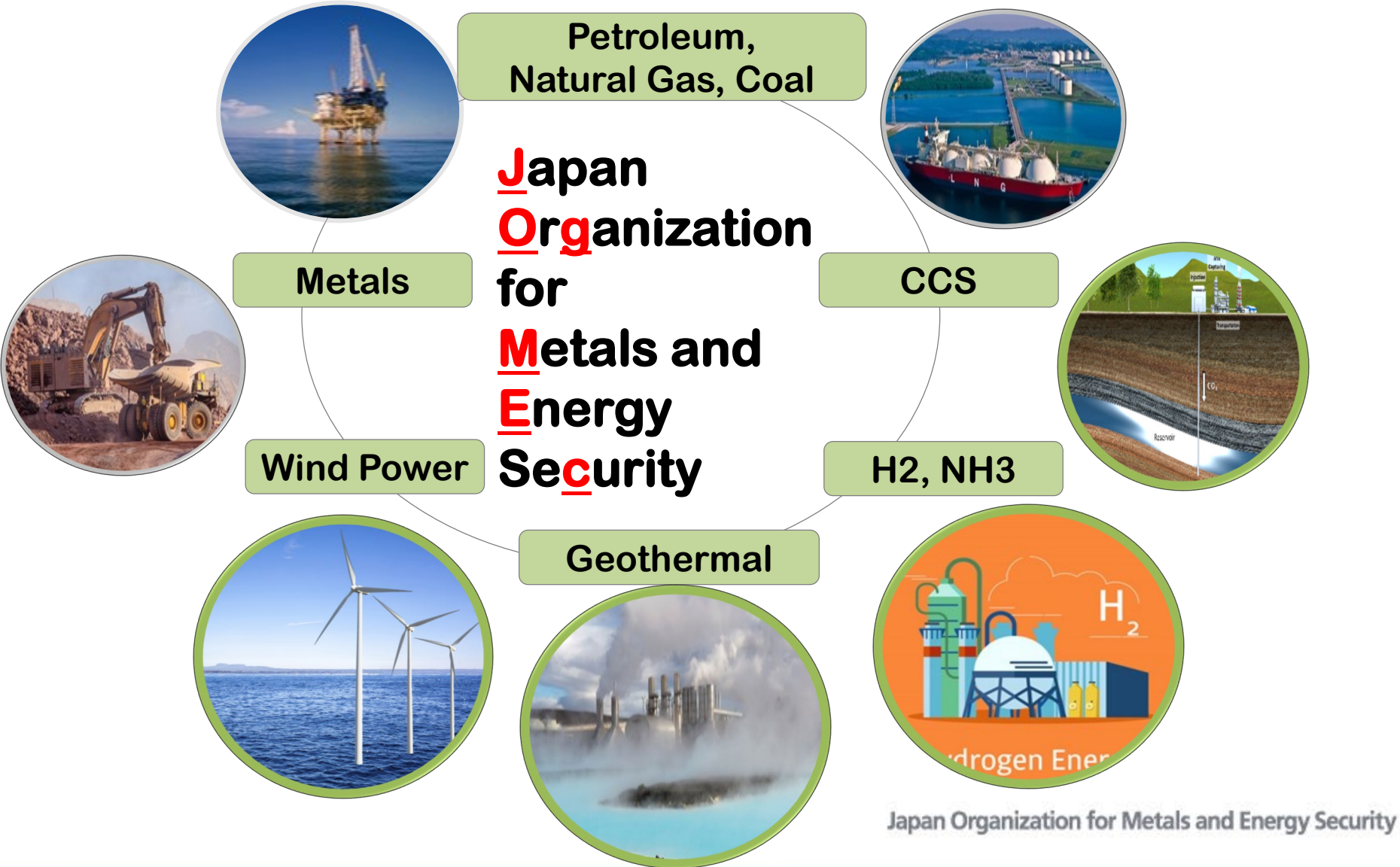
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# JOGMEC, Who are we?

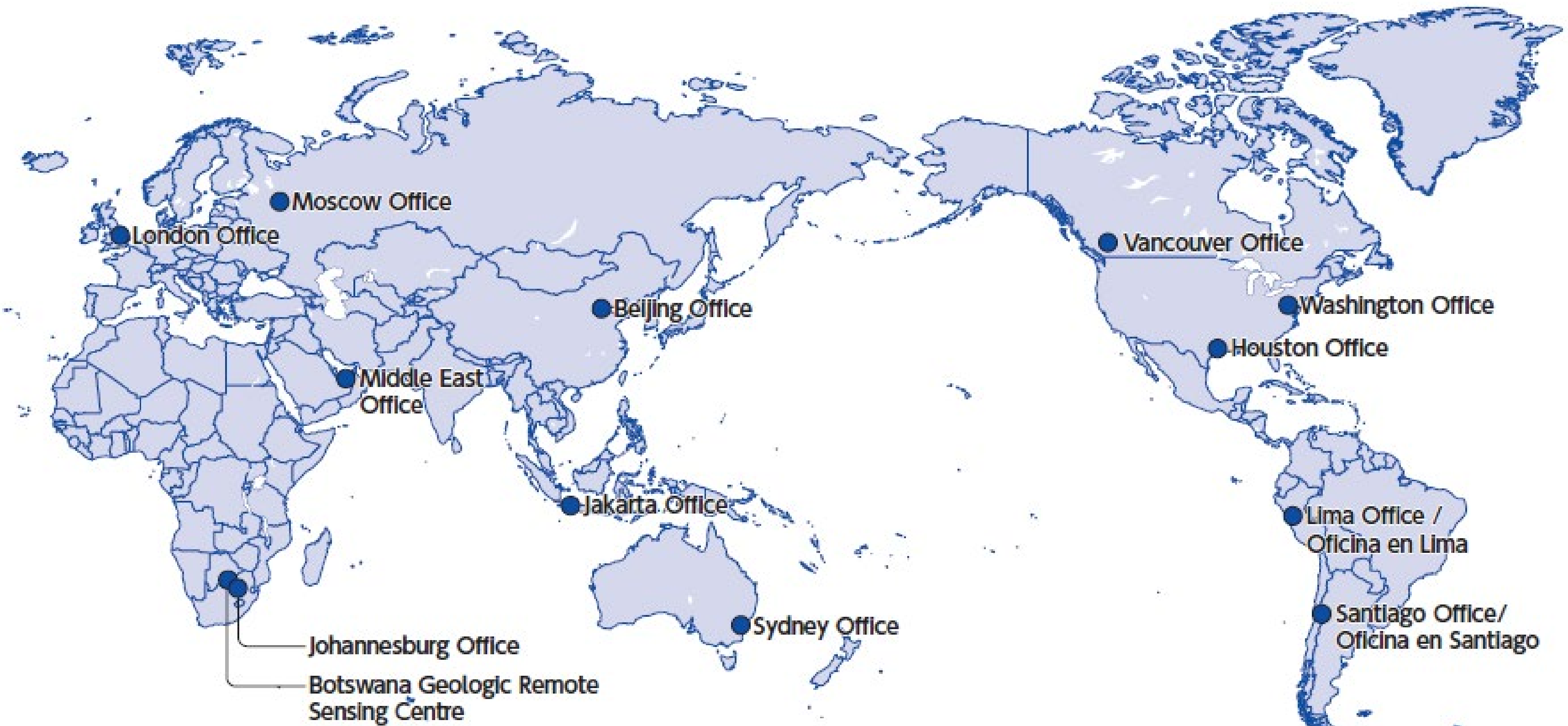


- JOGMEC promotes a wide range of projects to secure a stable supply of mineral and energy resources to Japan and to achieve carbon neutrality.
- JOGMEC conducts geological surveys to acquire resources in Japan and overseas, provides financial support such as risk money, develops and supports technology, provides information on resources, and engages in resource diplomacy and international cooperation.

|                      |                                                                                             |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Established          | 29 February 2004<br>(integrated the functions of the former JNOC and MMAJ)                  |
| Capital              | 1,472 Billion Yen (May 2024)<br>approx. 9.7 Billion USD                                     |
| Numbers of Employees | 666 (as of 1 July 2024)                                                                     |
| Expenditure Budget   | 2,377 Billion Yen (2024FY)<br>approx. 15.6 Billion USD                                      |
| Overseas Offices     | 13<br>(2 in Africa, Johannesburg, South Africa and Botswana Geologic Remote Sensing Centre) |



# JOGMEC's Global offices

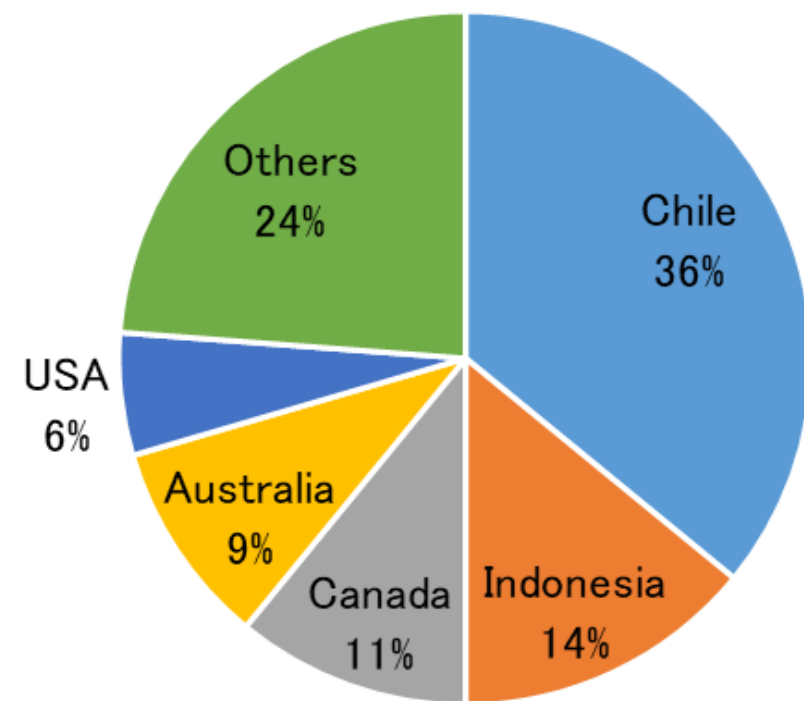


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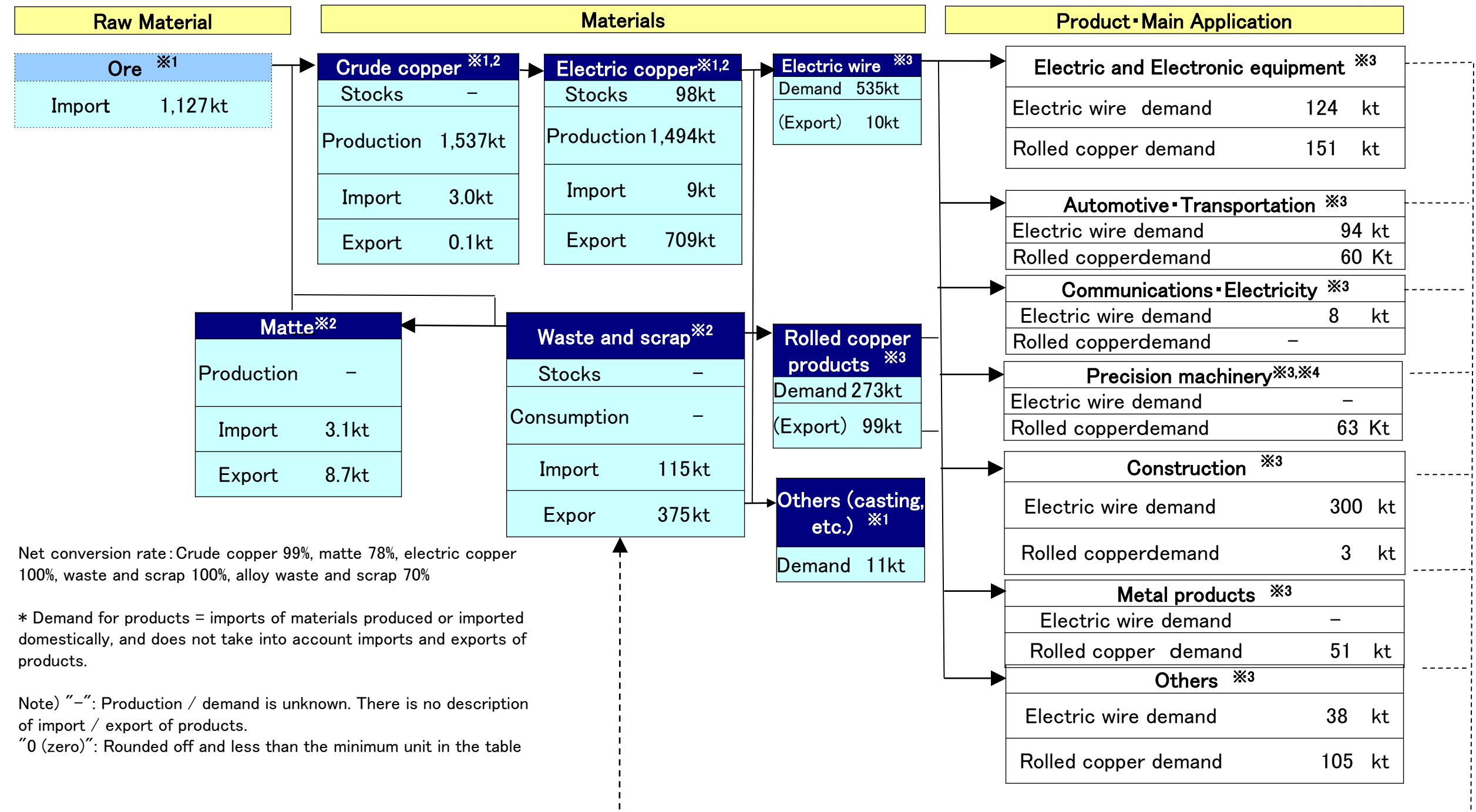
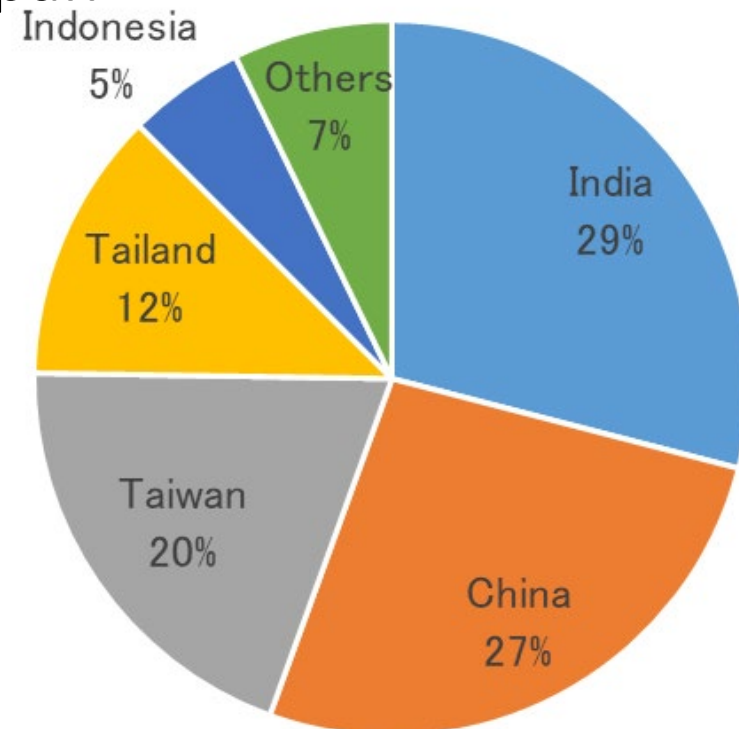


# Copper Flow in Japan 2023

## Concentrate import to Japan



## Electric copper exports from Japan



Net conversion rate: Crude copper 99%, matte 78%, electric copper 100%, waste and scrap 100%, alloy waste and scrap 70%

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Source

※1 Japan Mining Industry Association (Bulletin “Kozan”)

※2 Trade Statistics of Japan

※3 The Japanese Electric Wire & Cable Maker’s Association (Shipping record), Japan Copper and Brass Association [Rolled copper products shipment trends]

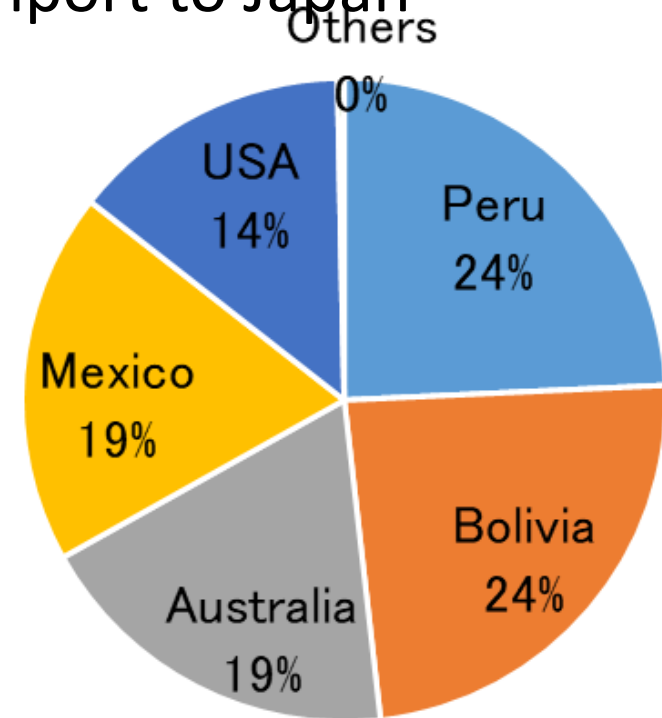
※4 In the usage classification of The Japanese Electric Wire & Cable Maker’s Association, (Machinery) is included in (Electric and Electronic equipment).



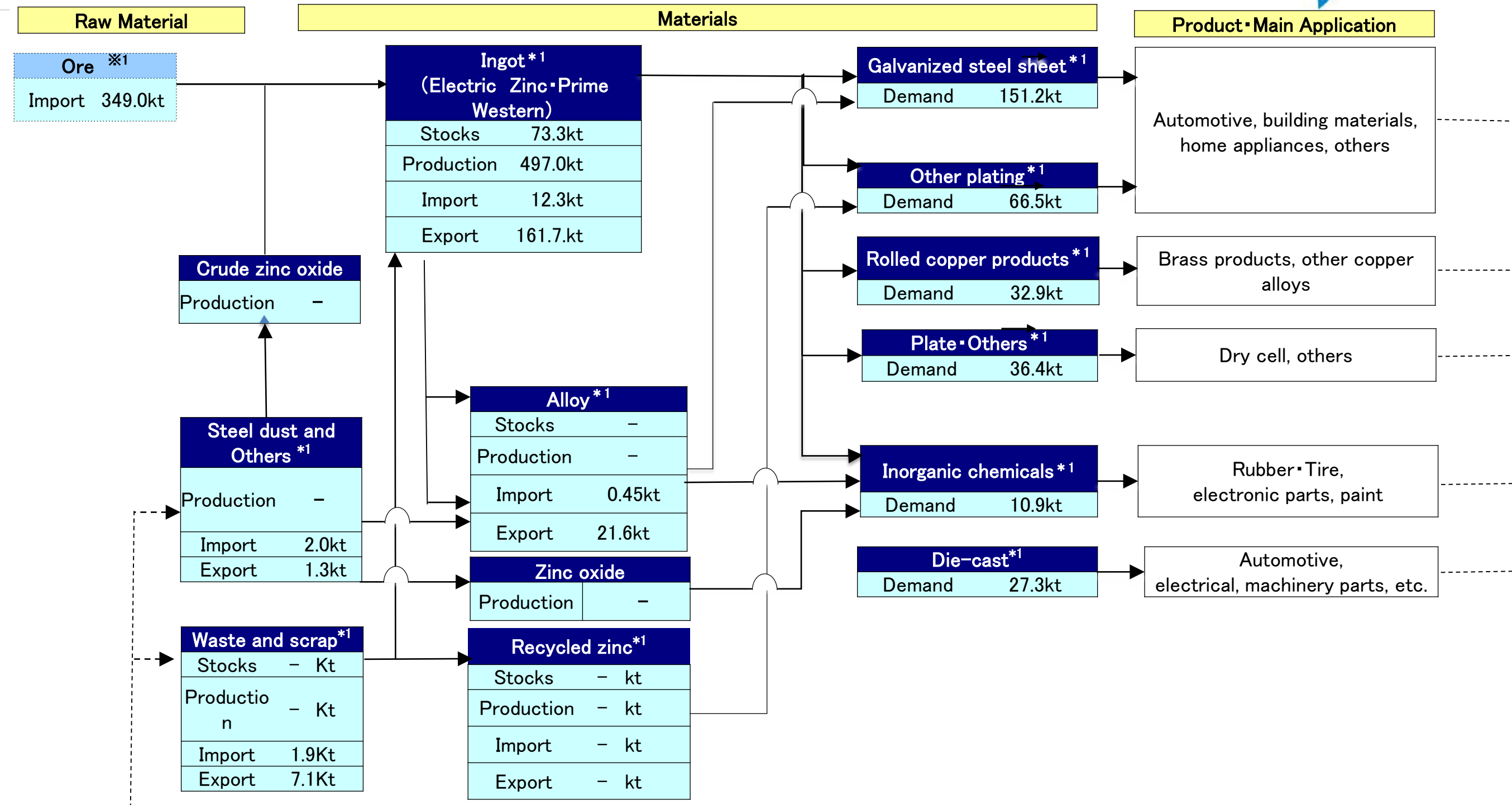
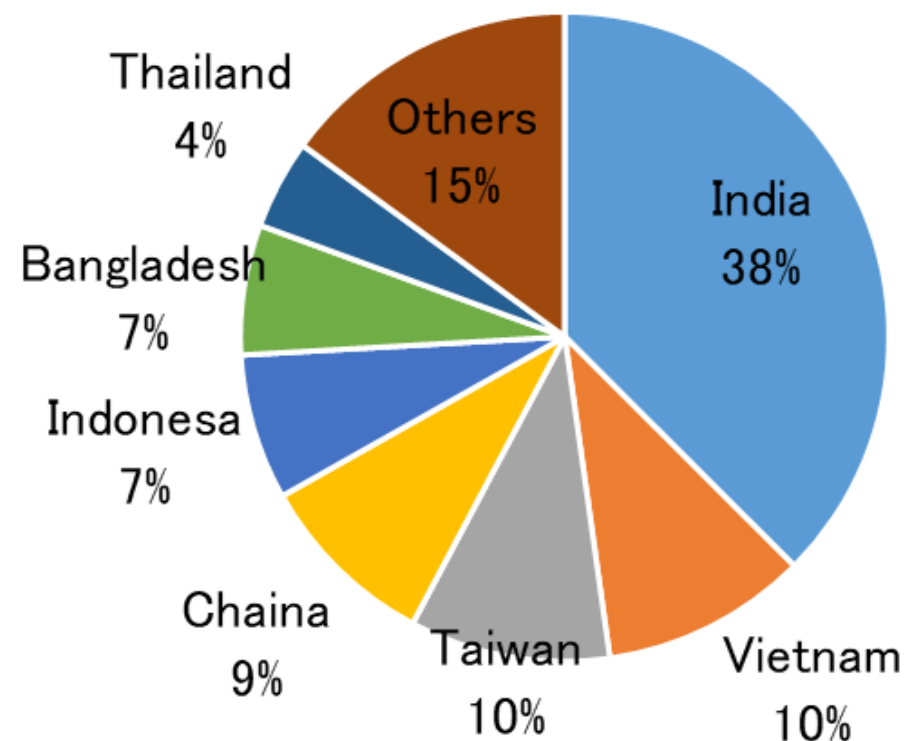
# Zinc Flow in Japan 2023



## Ore import to Japan



## Zinc ingot export from Japan



Net conversion rate: Ingot 100%, waste and scrap 100%, recycled lead 100%, alloy • others 96%, waste battery 53%

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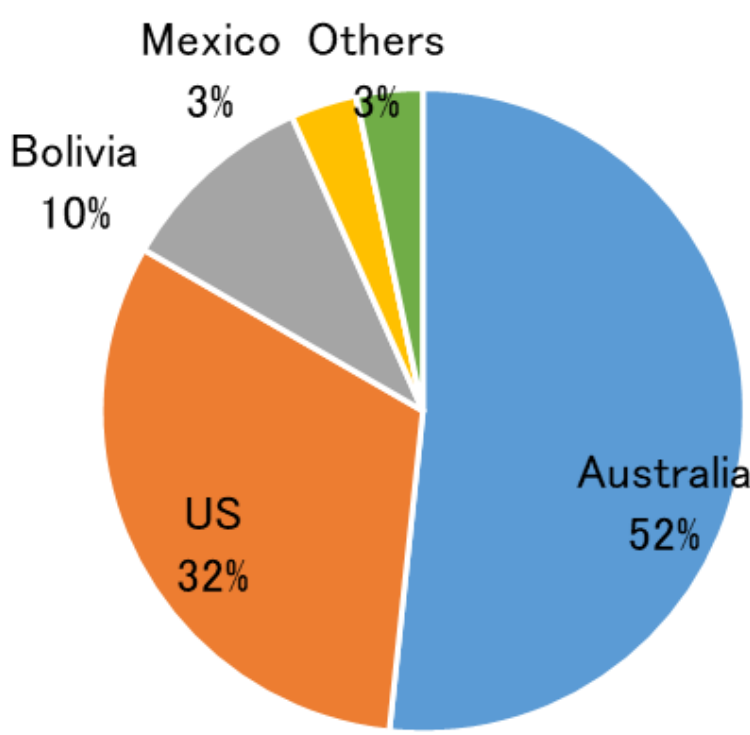
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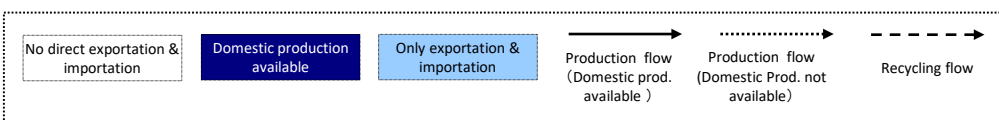
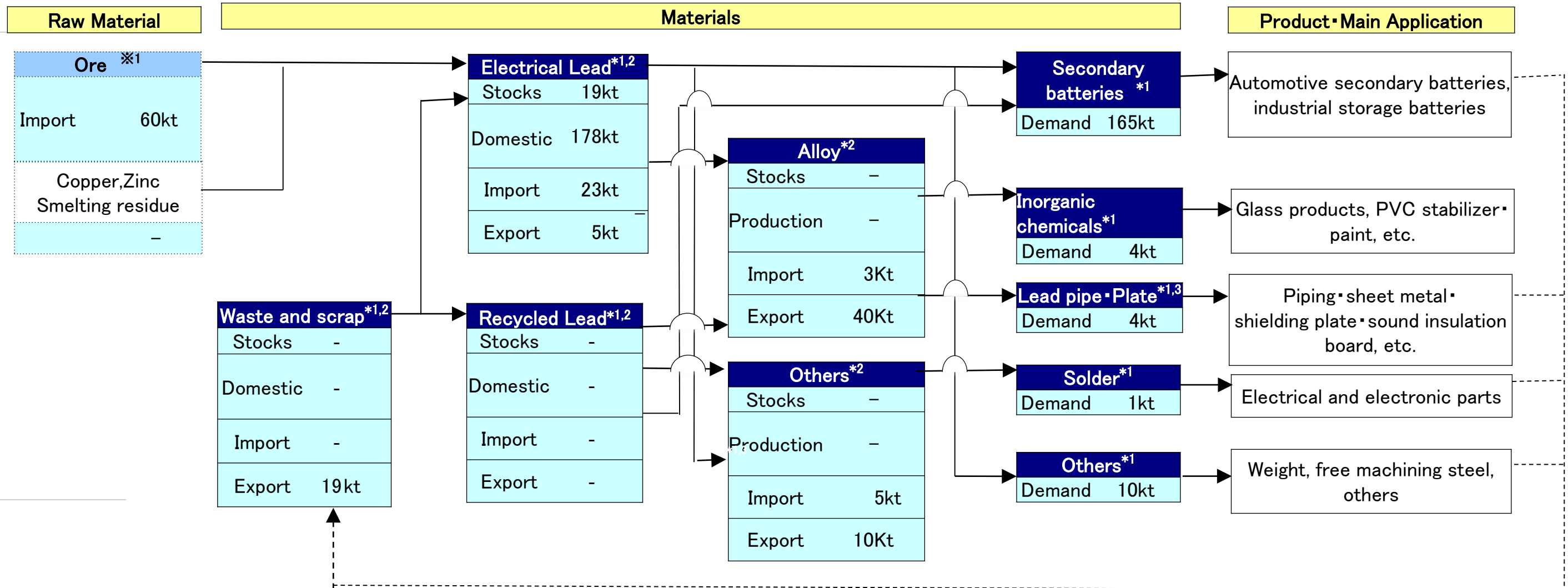
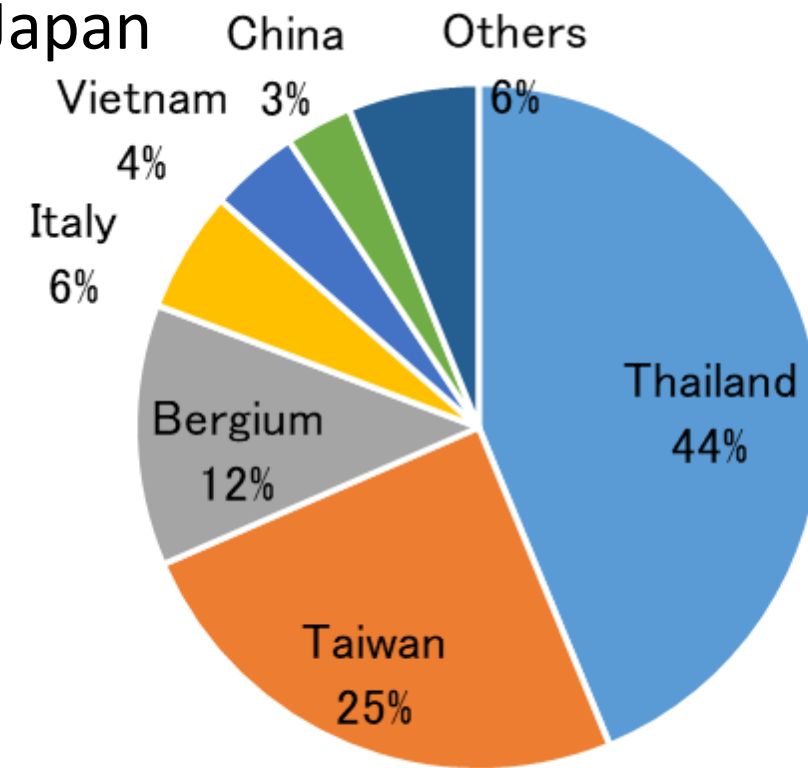
# Lead Flow in Japan 2023



## Ore import to Japan



## Electrical lead export from Japan



Net conversion rate : Lead ingot 100%, waste and scrap 100%, recycled lead 100%, alloy lump・others lump96%, waste battery 53%

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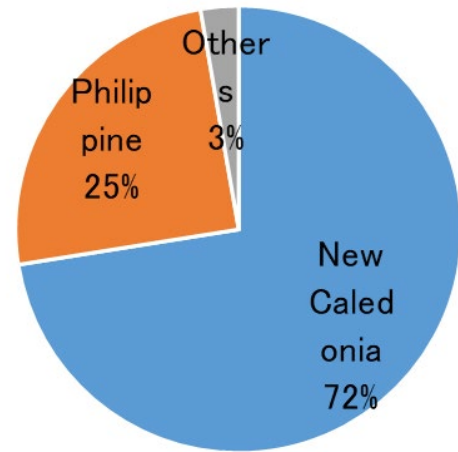
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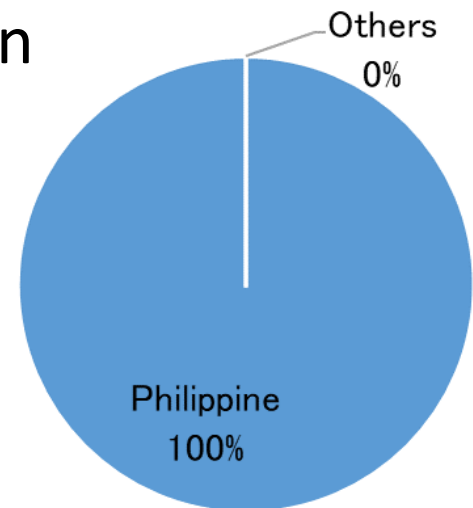


# Nickel Flow in Japan 2023

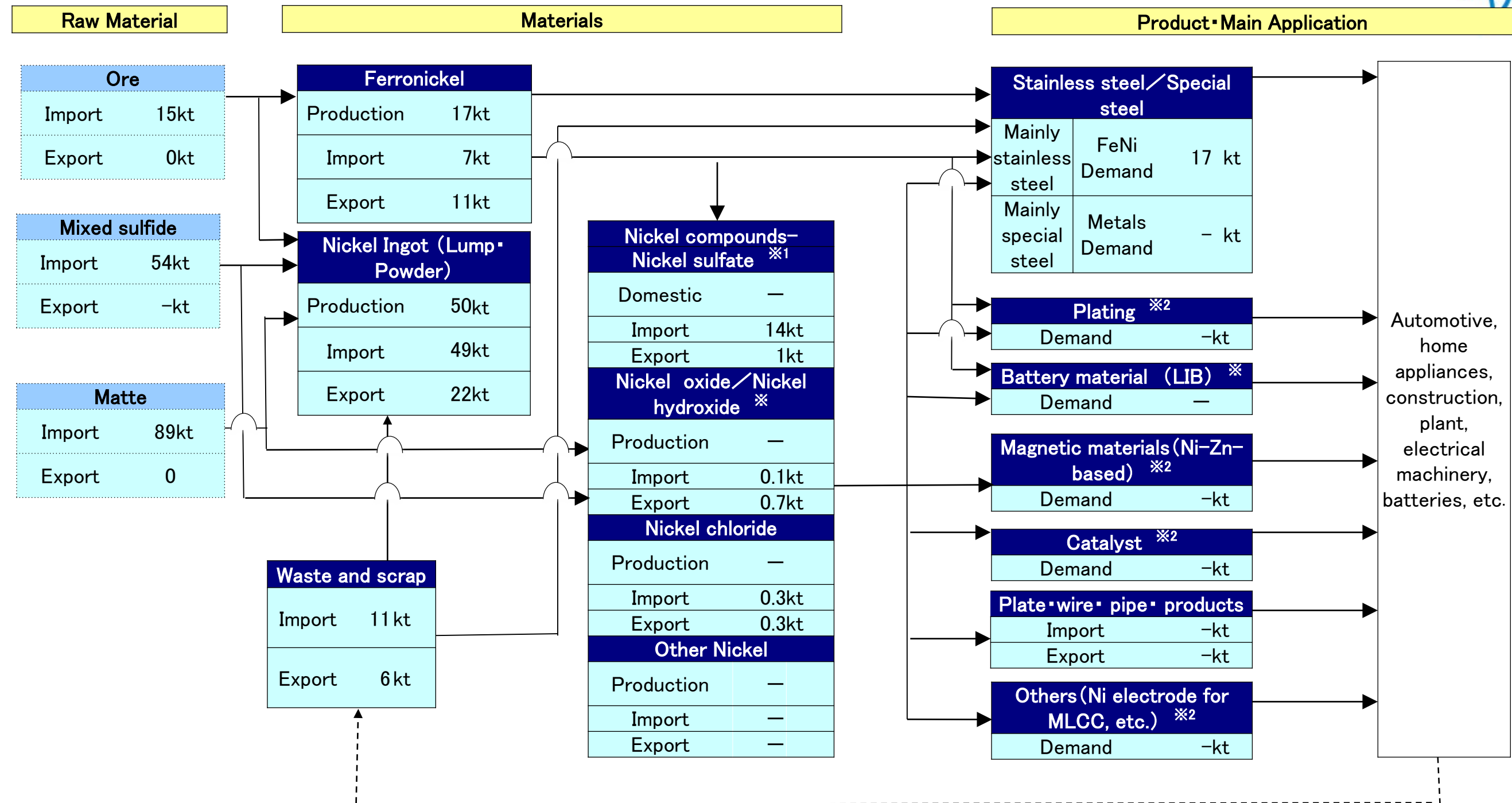
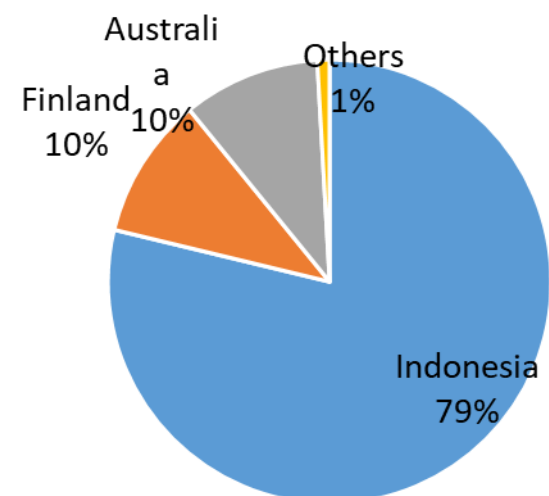
## Ore import to Japan



## Mixed sulfide import to Japan



## Matte import to Japan



Source

※1 Japan Mining Industry Association

※2 METI (Non-Ferrous Metal Supply and Demand Statistics survey)

Net conversion rate: Ore (Indonesia 2%, Philippines 1.8%, North Caledonia 2%), mixed sulfide 59.8%, alloy lump plate 50%, nickel oxide 77.75%, hydroxides 55%, chlorides Ni45.29%, nickel sulfate 22%, FeNi (North Caledonia 23% • Colombia 35% • Macedonia 28% • Dominican Republic 35% • others 18% • Japan 16%)

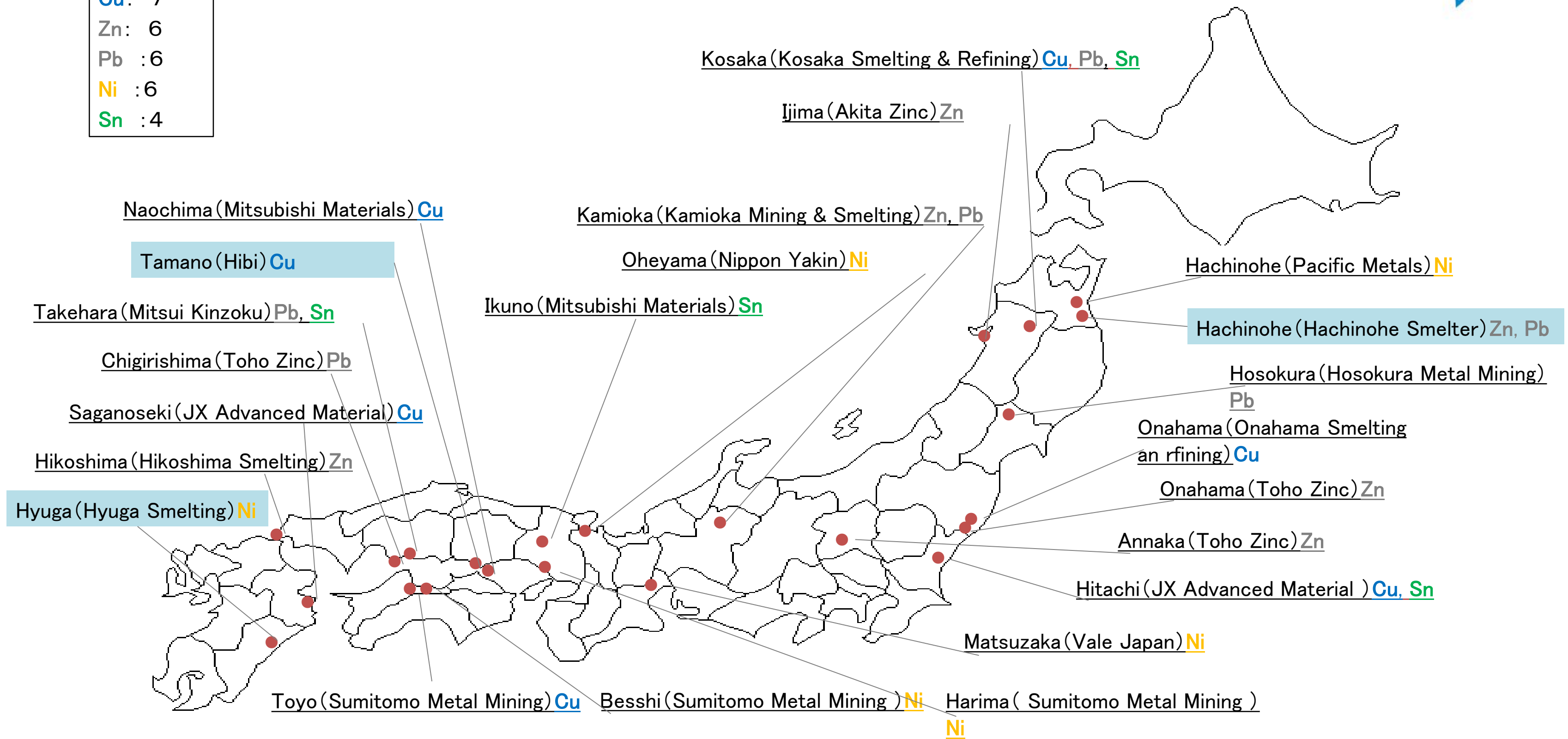
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# Major non-ferrous smelters in Japan

Cu: 7  
Zn: 6  
Pb: 6  
Ni: 6  
Sn: 4



Ni Hachinohe, Oheyama, Hyuga: Ferro Nickel, Matsuzaka: Oxide Nickel, Harima: Nickel Sulfate

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# Support Scheme in Metals Sector of JOGMEC



■ JOGMEC provides a wide range of support to help Japanese companies for mitigating risks.



|                                           |                                                                                                 |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Geological Survey                         | JV Exploration                                                                                  |
| Financial Assistance                      | Equity investment and Loan                                                                      |
|                                           | Equity investment and Debt guarantee                                                            |
| Subsidies to Private Sector               | Subsidies for Exploration                                                                       |
|                                           | Subsidies for Critical minerals Supply Chain resilience                                         |
| Technical Development / Technical Support | Exploration Technology                                                                          |
|                                           | Processing, Production and Recycling / Mine Pollution                                           |
| Research and Analysis                     | Research and Analysis / Information services / Public and Customer Relation /Diplomatic Support |
| Stockpiling                               | Rare Metals Stockpiling                                                                         |
| Seafloor Mineral Resources                | Exploration and technological development for Seafloor Mineral Resources                        |
| Metals Environment                        | Loan to Mine-Pollution Cost                                                                     |
|                                           | Technical support                                                                               |

# As a support measure by the Japanese government

Financial Assistance Measures (2.5 billion USD) through JOGMEC (Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security)

- ✓ Grants for critical minerals supply chain resilience through ESPA (Economic Security Promotion Act) (740 million USD)
- ✓ Equity financing to secure stable supply of minor metals through JOGMEC Act (770 million USD)
- ✓ Equity financing to secure stable supply of copper through JOGMEC Act (1.0 billion USD)

**① Exploration and Feasibility Study (FS):**

Support for exploration with the aim of acquiring mining interests. FSs for project feasibility assessments will also be supported.

**② Mine Development :**

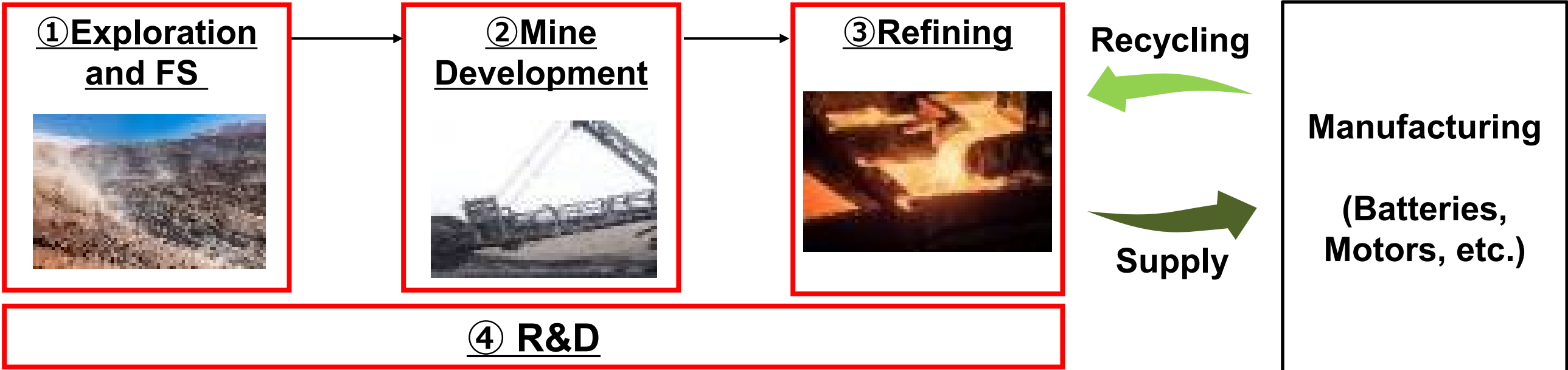
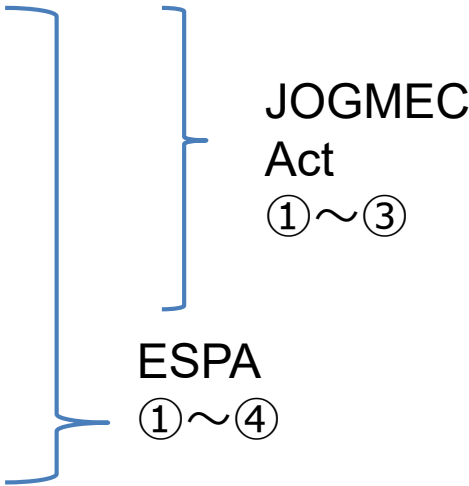
Support for mine development to ensure a stable supply of critical minerals.

**③ Refining:**

Support for beneficiation, smelting and related operations

**④ R&D:**

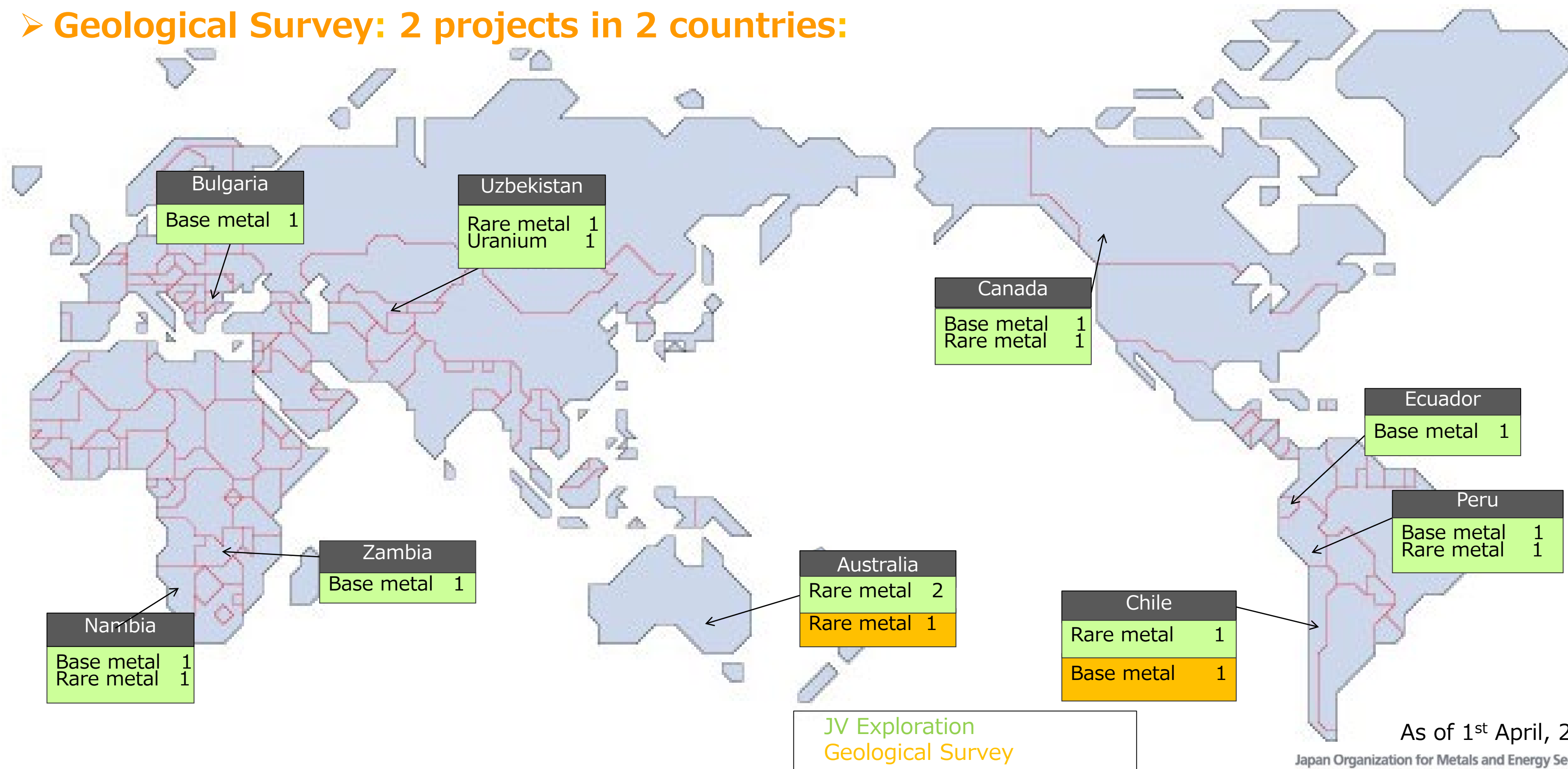
Support the development of technologies such as those for higher efficiency and lower cost in the production of metallic minerals.





# JOGMEC Metals Sector's Current Geological Survey

- **JV Exploration : 14 projects in 8 countries**
- **Geological Survey: 2 projects in 2 countries:**



# Major Achievements through Financial Assistance



Lynas Rare Earths Project  
(Australia: Rare earth)

Company Name: Sojitz Corporation

Support Scheme: Equity support

Objective: To diversify the REE supply sources, especially HRE



Salar de Olaroz salt lake Project  
(Argentina: Lithium)

Company Name: Toyota Tsusho Corporation

Support Scheme: Debt guarantee

Objective : To secure Lithium for electric vehicle manufacturing



Waterberg Project  
(South Africa: PGM, Nickel, Copper)

Company Name: Hanwa Co., Ltd.

Support Scheme: Equity support

Achievement: To import high-quality PGM into Japan stably



# JOGMEC's Activities in African Countries

- 3 joint exploration projects with private companies in high mineral potential countries
- Equity participation and debt guarantees for 4 projects (3 in metals and 1 in oil & natural gas)
- Technical support for 1 project for effective utilization of coal resources

## ■ Namibia

(JV Exploration)

- Damara Belt (Copper)
- Lofdal (Rare Earth)

## ■ South Africa

(Financial Support for Japanese Companies by Equity Investment)

- Platreef development (PGM, Nickel)
- Samancor production (Chromium)
- Waterberg exploration (PGM, Nickel)

## ■ Zambia

(JV Exploration)

- Pangeni (Cobalt, Copper)

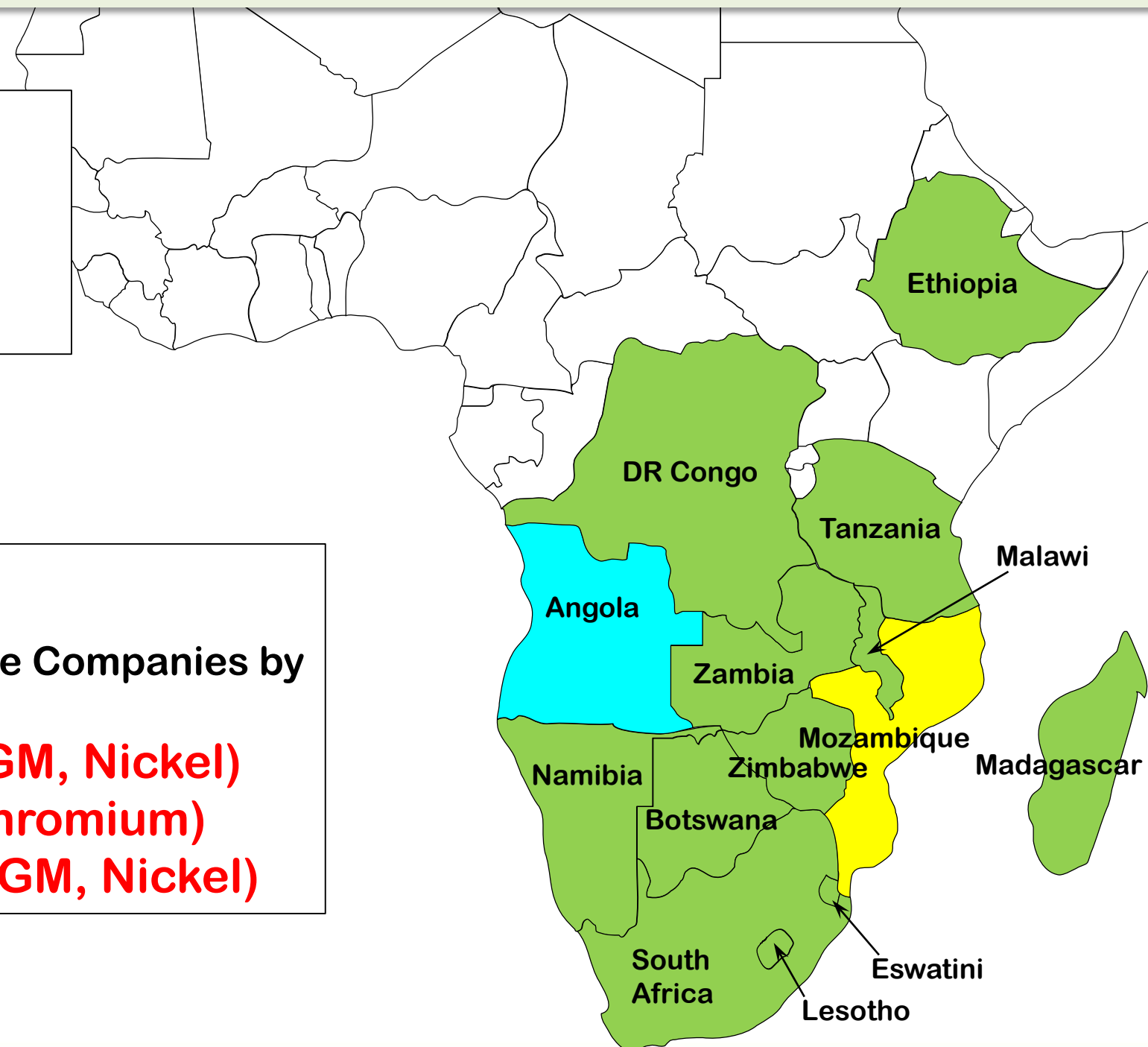
## ■ Mozambique

(Financial Support for Japanese Companies by Equity Investment and Liability Guarantee)

- Mozambique LNG (LNG)

(Technical Support)

- Bio Coal Briquette project (Coal)



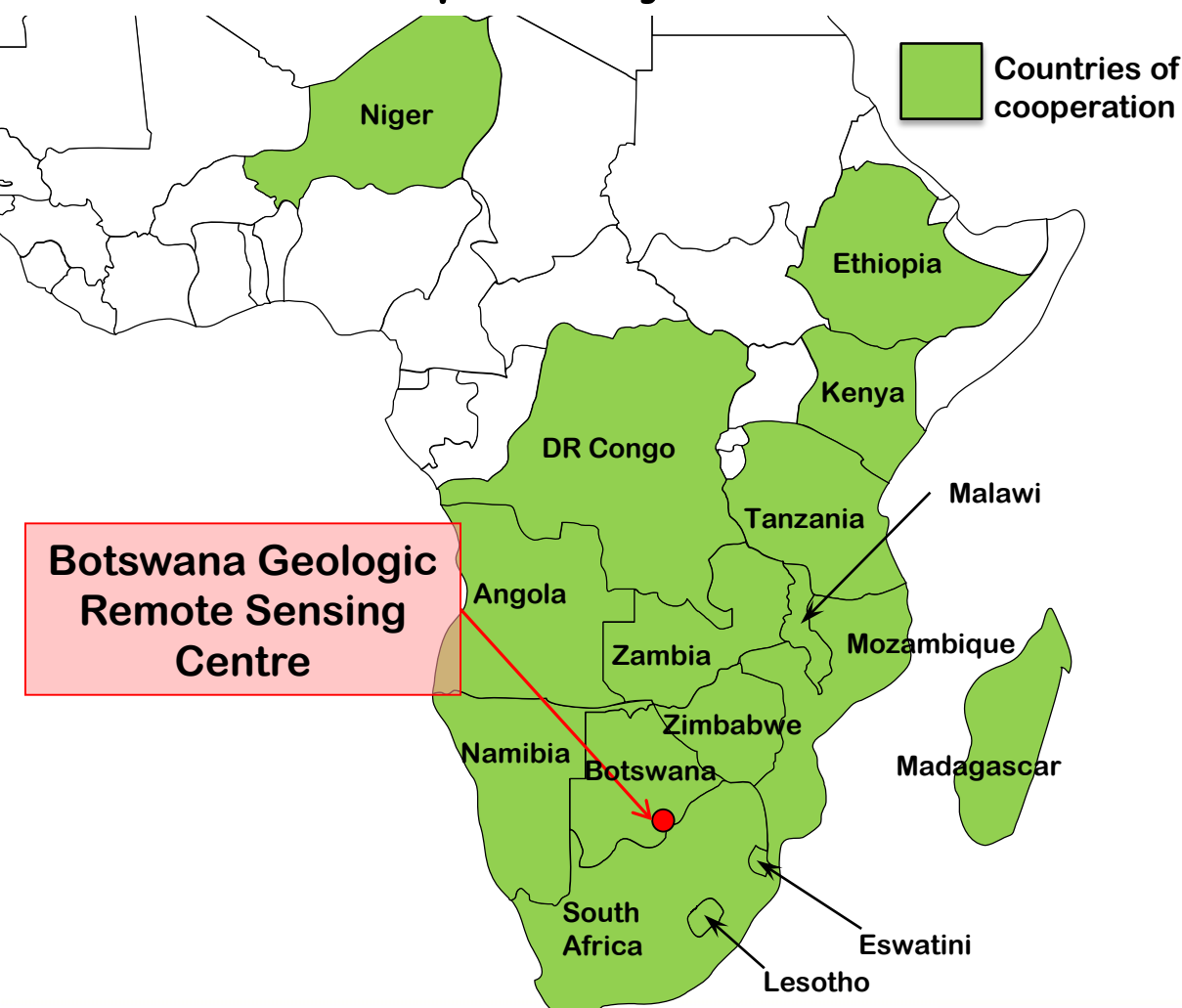
- MOU on Metals
- MOU on Metals and Oil & Gas
- MOU on Metals, Oil & Gas, and Coal

# Human Resource Development

## - Botswana Geologic Remote Sensing Centre -

- Established in July 2008. Currently cooperates with 16 countries, mainly SADC countries
- HR development related to remote sensing technology, which uses satellite images to analyze geology and topography, as well as joint image analysis and geological surveys
- More than 100 people participate in annual seminar every year, **training a total of 2,529 people**
- Support for ESG and sustainable growth, including environmental monitoring using remote sensing technology

Countries of Technical Cooperation and HR Development by the Centre

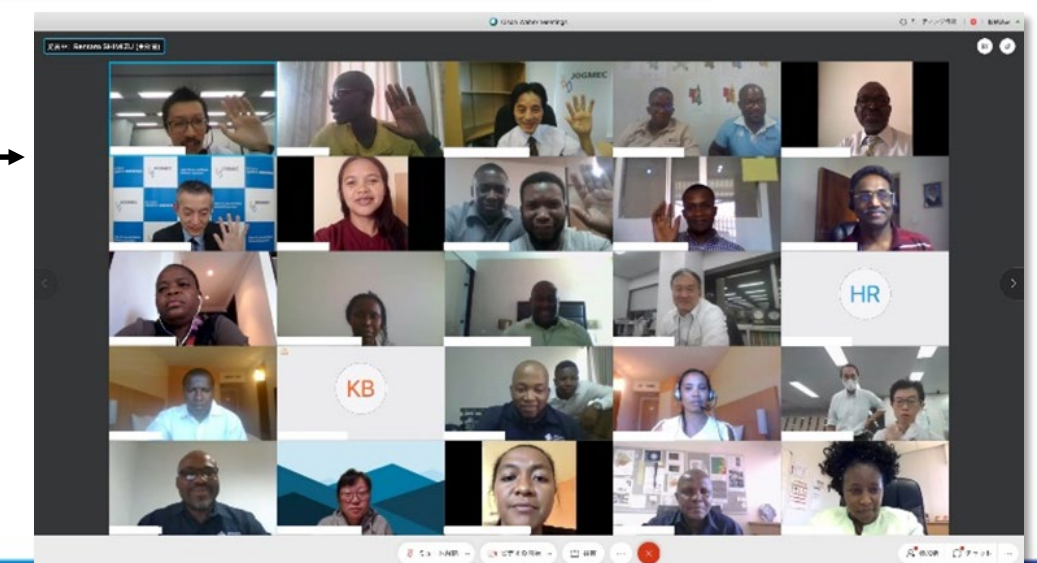


| HR Development Achievements<br>(as of Dec 2024) |                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| South Africa (144)                              | Botswana (455)                        |
| Zambia (175)                                    | Mozambique (181)                      |
| Namibia (212)                                   | Malawi (224)                          |
| Angola (124)                                    | Tanzania (173)                        |
| Lesotho (151)                                   | DR Congo (127)                        |
| Eswatini (149)                                  | Madagascar (197)                      |
| Zimbabwe (169)                                  | Others (46)<br>Niger, Ethiopia, Kenya |
| TOTAL: 2,529                                    |                                       |



← Seminars with local experts

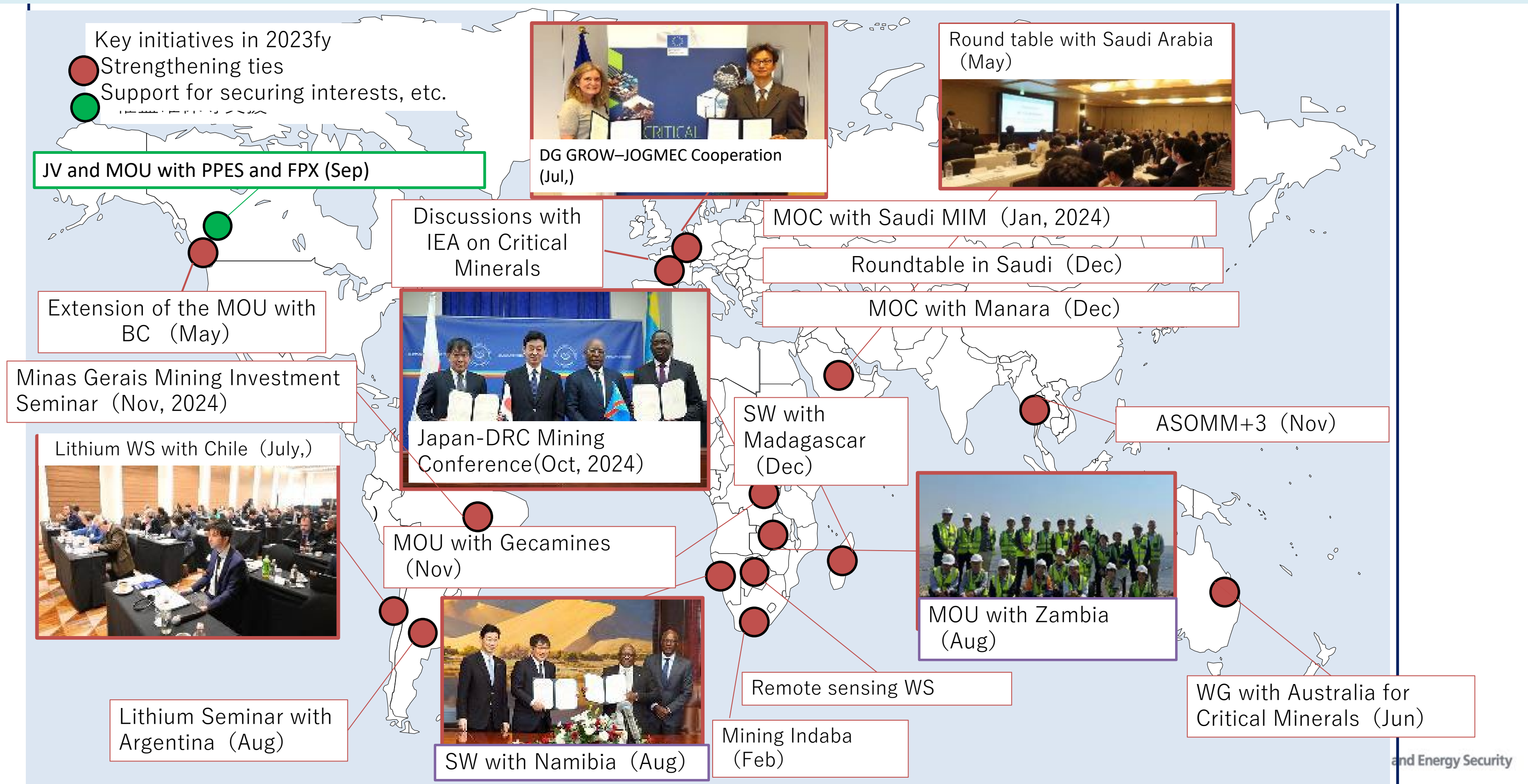
Online seminar under COVID-19 →





# Strengthening Supply Chain Resilience

- Responding to global imperatives such as decarbonization and energy security, by enhancing engagement with resource-rich and like-minded countries.





- Copper, zinc, lead, and nickel are essential to Japan's industrial base. However, Japan currently has no domestic mines producing these base metals. As a result, the country relies heavily on imports for its raw material needs.
- Given this situation, securing stable and long-term sources of mineral resources is an important issue for Japan.
- JOGMEC offers a wide range of support tools to help Japanese companies ensure a stable supply of mineral resources. Our support covers all stages of the supply chain. we also are actively advancing strategic partnerships with resource-rich and like-minded countries.

