# Northeast Asia Gas Security and its Implication to Korea

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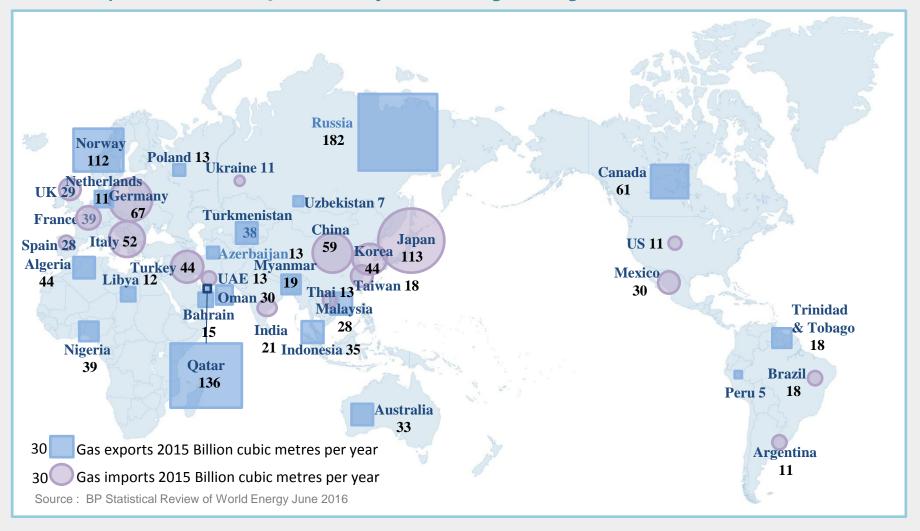
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### Global Natural Gas Market Overview



# Interregional Gas Trade

- Net importers : Japan, Germany, China, Italy, Korea
- Net exporters : Russia, Qatar, Norway, Canada, Algeria, Nigeria

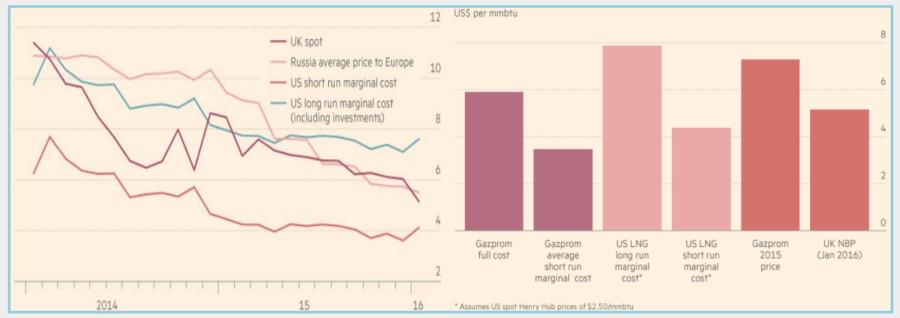


### **Global Natural Gas Market Overview**



## Global Gas/LNG Pricing and Trend

- Global gas market braced for price war
  - US may become a Net Gas Exporter in 2016
  - Russia push down gas prices to keep US LNG out of the market
- Natural gas : bought & Sold under long-term SPAs at an oil-indexed price
- US bought and sold under gas-to-gas competition using Henry Hub
- EU gas market changed with development of alternative pricing mechanism(MIX)
- LNG needs new pricing, rules to realize its golden age



Source: The Oxford Institute for Energy Studies

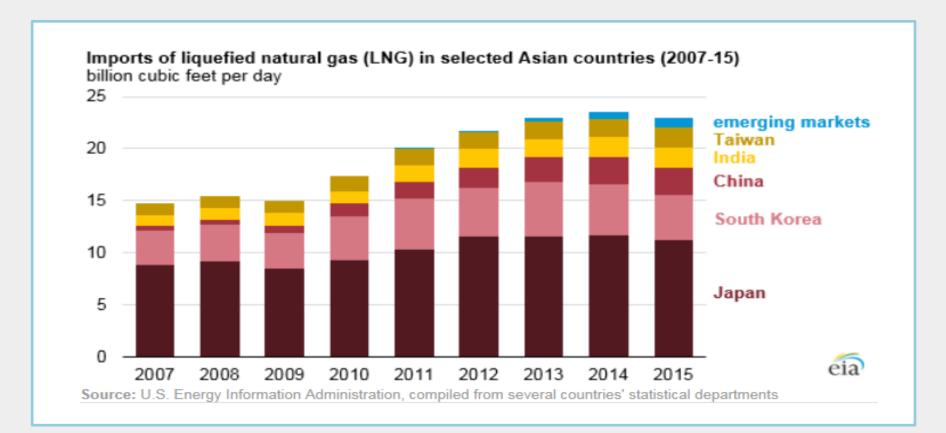
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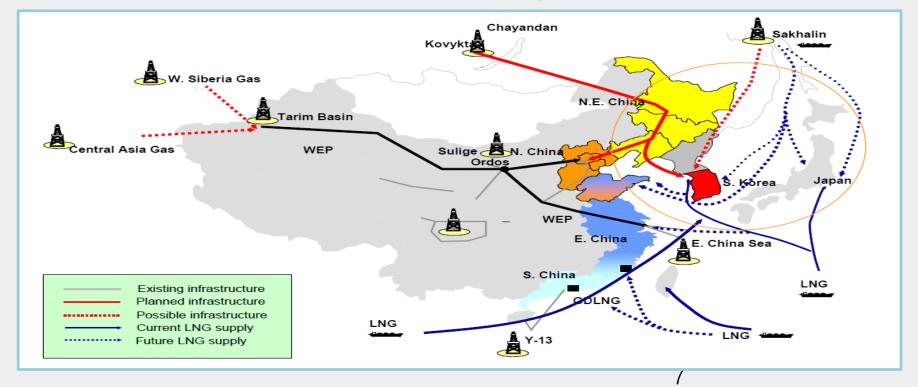


- 1 Northeast Asian Gas Market
  - Korea, Japan & China = world's largest importers of LNG
  - 2015 Combined LNG import volume in Korea & Japan declined from 2014
    - Japan's total electricity consumption has fallen for 5 consecutive years
    - Korea government policy favors the use of coal and nuclear energy over gas



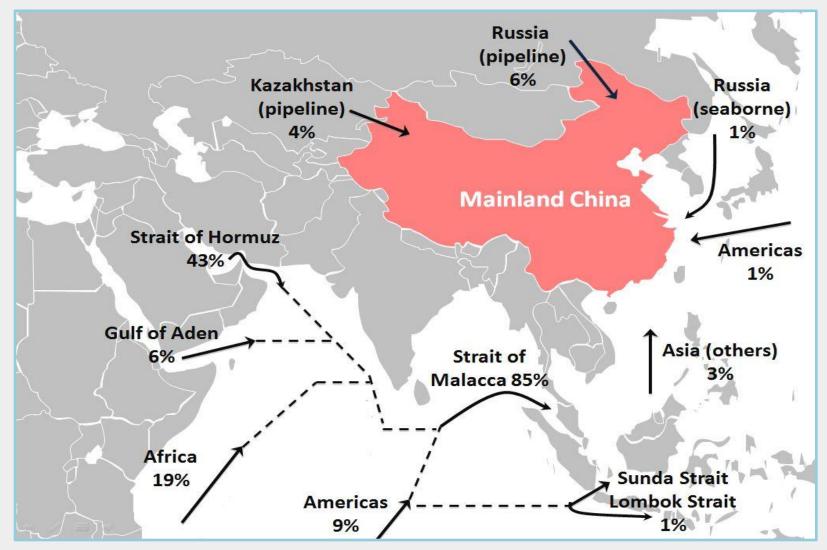


- 2 Northeast Asia Gas Trading Hub Plan
  - O Northeast Asia = number one gas importer region in the world
  - Emerging as a highly attractive market for international energy supply
  - O Korea, China & Japan are strengthening gas supply security & diversification
  - **OUS Shale Revolution** → **growing interest in exporting LNG**
  - Russian pipeline supplies are ultimately developed to serve Chinese demand
  - Northeast Asia countries plan to have Gas/LNG trading hub





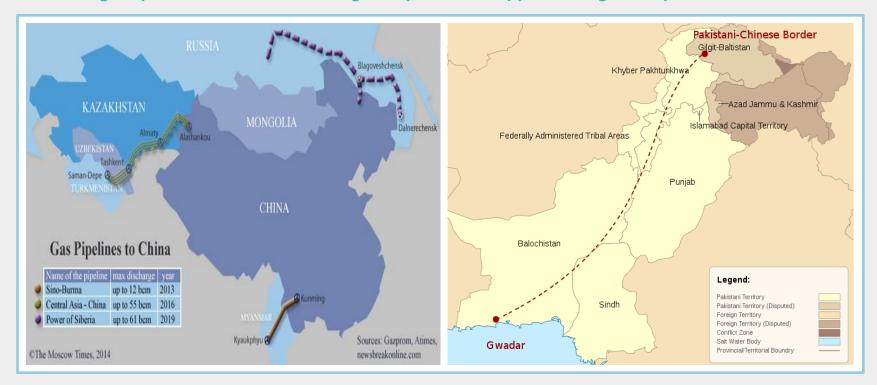




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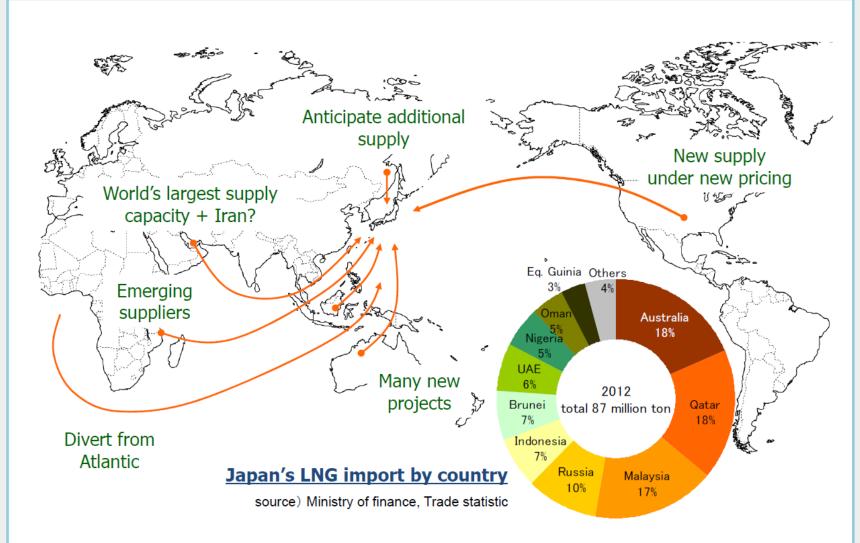
- 4 China Gas Security Policy
  - O China: world's number three gas consumer and importer nation
  - Strengthening its gas supply security & diversification for gas routes
    - China-Myanmar gas pipeline becomes operational (2013.10)
    - China-Central Asia(Turkmenistan-Kazakhstan-China) pipeline set for operations(2014.6)
    - China and Russia sign 30-year deal worth \$400bn to deliver gas to china(2015.4)
  - O China Gas/LNG trading hub plans
    - Shanghai pushes ahead with trading hub plans with approval of gas, oil platform(2015)







### Japan's LNG Import by Country





- 4 Japan Gas Security Policy
  - Japan: world's largest consumer of LNG with imports in 2015
  - Strengthening its gas supply security & diversification
  - Pursuing gas trading hub to enhance its security
    - More flexibility is required to increase liquidity of LNG trade
    - METI initiated the LNG Producer Consumer Conference
    - Japan OTC Exchange offering non-deliverable forward LNG contracts since last year
    - Ultimately, Japan steps on gas in bid to reshape LNG market



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### Korea's Natural Gas Diplomacy Policy



- 1 Korean Policy on Natural Gas
  - Korea has high gas import dependency
  - Strengthening its gas supply security
  - Pursuing oil & gas trading hub to enhance its security

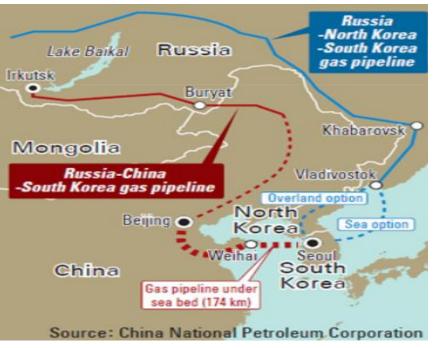


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- 2 Korea's Effort on Gas Diversification
  - Diversified procurement coming from 10 LNG exporting countries
  - O Korea-Russia Gas Pipeline (2006-2013)
    - MOU between governments of Korea and Russia (2006)
    - Stopped negotiations for soured inter-Korean relations (2013)
  - Russia-China- Korea(present)
    - Agreement of China-Russia PNG(2014.5) led the necessity for the review of importing Russian PNG





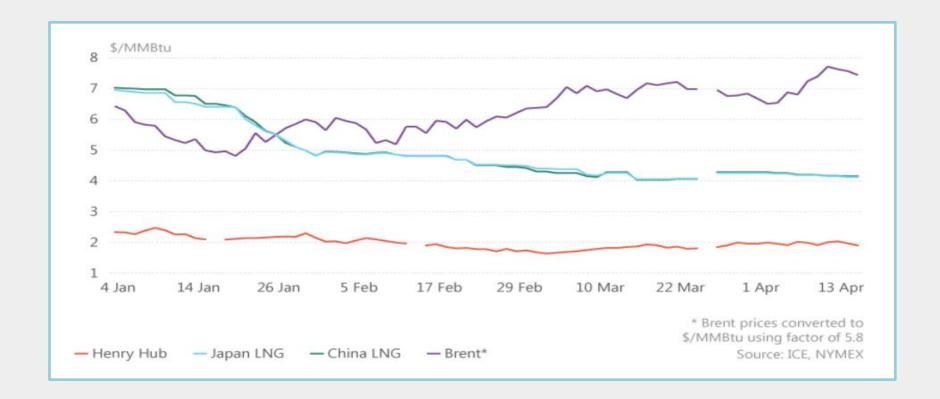
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# 2 Korea's Policy Priorities on Natural Gas

### • Korea needs for more flexible gas supply

- High uncertainty in future demand : demand for gas-fired power generation is highly uncertain
- High demand seasonality : gas demand doubles in winter season
- More than 90% of total LNG supply through term-contracts
- Oil-indexation in pricing formula in long-term contracts
- Renegotiate using buyer's gas market



### **Concluding Remarks**



- Northeast Asian importers need to strengthen their gas supply security
- It needs to increase flexibility through easing rigidities in import contacts, diversifying supply sources, developing alternative indexing method in contract etc.
- In the mid-to long-term, developing regional trading hubs helps deriving a price benchmark index based on regional supply-demand fundamentals & establish gas hub pricing
  - Also, Developing trading hubs in Asia seems to be most efficient way in order to resolve flexibility issue in long-term view

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