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FLOWRA and Innovation Norway to collaborate

The Floating Offshore Wind Power Technology Research Association (FLOWRA) of Japan and Innovation Norway have signed today, 3rd June 2025, a Memorandum of Understanding to explore technology development cooperation in the field of floating offshore wind.

FLOWRA and Innovation Norway will pursue the possibility of establishing a cooperation framework to study a wide range of matters that will reduce development risks and costs and contribute to industry development in the floating offshore wind sector, including specific joint technology development items.

FLOWRA is a technical research association that works with overseas organisations to research and develop common basic technologies for floating offshore wind to reduce costs and risks.

Innovation Norway is the Norwegian Government's most important instrument for innovation and development of Norwegian enterprises and industry and helps Norwegian companies to grow sustainably and increase exports by providing access to competence, capital and networks.

Their missions thus resonate with each other, and they have now formalised their partnership to develop floating offshore wind energy solutions.

Comments by Masakatsu Terazaki, Chairperson of FLOWRA BoD

We are delighted to announce that FLOWRA and Innovation Norway will be collaborating on the development of floating offshore wind technology. Our aim is to accelerate the development of core technologies for floating offshore wind and establish verification and evaluation methods. We also intend to contribute to the expansion of the floating offshore wind market by facilitating the exchange of knowledge, information, and technical expertise between our organisations.

Norway has established the METCentre, one of the world's leading marine energy demonstration facilities. The country has also made significant contributions to the development of floating offshore wind technology, having tested a demonstration unit since 2009. At the heart of these efforts is Innovation Norway, an organisation dedicated to fostering technological innovation in industry and providing support to businesses and entrepreneurs. To date, it has achieved remarkable results.

Comments by Håkon Haugli, CEO of Innovation Norway

Norway's offshore industry brings decades of deepwater expertise, now applied to offshore wind—exemplified by Hywind Tampen, the world's largest floating wind farm. In the FLOWRA collaboration, these strengths will combine with Japan's industrial and developer capabilities. With long deepwater coastlines, both Japan and Norway have strong potential for floating offshore wind. Our joint efforts to innovate and reduce costs will benefit both nations in the years ahead.

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