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Sen. Dan Sullivan Reacts to AK LNG Summit in Tokyo

TOKYO—Today, U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska) released the following statement at the conclusion of the Alaska LNG Summit of U.S. and Japanese energy and policy leaders convened in Tokyo by U.S. Ambassador to Japan Rahm Emanuel. The summit was a significant gathering of stakeholders seeking to advance the Alaska LNG Project—a proposed 800-mile pipeline from Alaska's North Slope to tidewater in Cook Inlet that would supply abundant natural gas to Alaskans and to Indo-Pacific allies of the United States, such as Japan.

"Since the brutal invasion of Ukraine by Russia, global energy markets and assumptions have been completely upended. It has become imperative that America, as well as our European and Asian allies, get off of Russian oil and gas. In this regard, we have strong and growing opportunities for the Alaska LNG project to supply abundant, clean, natural gas to Alaskans at home as well as to the people of Japan," Sen. Sullivan said. "Over the last several months, my team and I have worked relentlessly on meeting with key stakeholders—investors, producers, engineering firms, Biden Administration and Japanese government officials—to educate them on this project. This action-oriented Alaska LNG Summit is an outgrowth of these meetings that we believe will advance the prospects of the Alaska LNG project. In particular, I want to thank Ambassador Emanuel for hosting this summit and for his tireless advocacy of Alaska LNG. I also want to thank all of the participants at the summit, particularly representatives from the Japanese government and from the private sector."

In-person attendees included Sen. Sullivan, Ambassador Emanuel, Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) President Frank Richards, and U.S. and Japanese government and LNG industry representatives from INPEX, Mitsubishi Corporation, Tokyo Gas, and JERA. Governor Mike Dunleavy (R-Alaska), U.S. Department of State Senior Advisor for Energy Security Amos Hochstein, and U.S. Department of State Assistant Secretary for Energy Resources Geoffrey Pyatt attended via video conference.

Click here to read Governor Dunleavy and Mr. Richards' joint statement following the summit.