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Solar Weekly Insight

Welcome to the August 31st, 2011 edition of Solar Weekly Insight. After several weeks of annoying 2Q 2011 results, this week brings significant good news to the PV and CSP industries in policy, technology, and funding of large projects.

Japan passes feed-in tariffs



Though many key details remain to be decided including tariff levels, history was made this week when Japan joined China as the second major Asian economy to pass a feed-in tariff for PV in the summer of 2011.

The Japan Photovoltaic Energy Association (Tokyo, Japan) is estimating that domestic Japanese shipments of solar photovoltaic (PV) modules may increase as much as 10-fold due to the policy. [More](#)

Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan (left) announced his pending resignation following the passage of the feed-in tariff.

SCHOTT creates 20.2% efficient solar cell, announces new high-performance PV module



For the week's other top news, the Fraunhofer ISE has confirmed that SCHOTT Solar has created a 20.2% efficient screen-printed PV cell. [More](#)

Next year, SCHOTT Solar AG will be expanding its portfolio to include a new high-performance solar photovoltaic (PV) module, based on the unique new cell technology that enables record-level performances: the world's first six-inch solar cells with 20.2 percent efficiency.

The SCHOTT PERFORM MONO (left) is scheduled to hit the market in Europe during the second quarter of 2012. [More](#)

Big U.S. PV, CSP projects get assistance



The Imperial Solar Energy Center West will be built on fallow agricultural land in California's Imperial Valley

The U.S. federal government continues to support large solar development, with the Department of the Interior approving a transmission line for a 250 MW California PV plant. [More](#)

And the U.S. Department of Energy finalized a loan guarantee for the 250 MW Genesis PV plant, which also closed on USD 935 million in project financing. [More](#)

Inverter sales to rebound in 2H 2011



While inverter revenues fell in the second quarter of 2011, IMS Research is reporting that excess inventory is no longer as great of a problem, and that demand may increase again in the second half of 2011. [More](#)

Market leader SMA did show in Q2 that it could compete with its rivals on price too.

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