

“ズドラーストヴィチェ” “Good evening.” “こんばんわ”

Thank you for the invitation to this important event.

I wish to congratulate the success of the WS and TNEX business in Japan.

Managing spent fuels and radioactive waste and conducting decommissioning successfully are vitally important for the utilization of nuclear power in Japan.

I am pleased that this workshop provides good opportunity for the information exchange and collaboration between Japan and Russia. It is very timely.

The role of nuclear power is increasingly important for protecting the environment from global warming and securing energy supply.

Japan will continue to utilize nuclear power. The goal is 20-22% of electricity generation in 2030.

Japan Atomic Energy Commission is preparing basic guideline of nuclear utilization. It will be made open to the public sometime next year.

Ladies and Gentlemen, let me speak of my past contact with Russian people. I invited five Russian experts to ANP92, a big conference of advanced nuclear power plants in Tokyo in 1992. I visited Russia several times as the chair of the mission of Japan Atomic Industrial Forum for exchanging the information of fast reactors in 1990s.

I have a view that Russian nuclear business has evolved in the new form after the hard time of Chernobyl accident and the political change. It looks very successful now.

Japan has to overcome the difficulty after the Fukushima accident and must develop a new form of nuclear utilization.

I wish the success of the WS and strengthening collaboration between Japan and Russia through the opportunity. Thank you for your attention.