

## Closing of the first FNCA Panel Meeting

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On behalf of Atomic Energy Commission of Japan, I would like to appreciate all participants for intensive and productive discussion for 2 days meeting.

Last November, Ministerial-level meeting in Kuantan was held, where discussed the Role of Nuclear energy for Sustainable Development in Asia. Following the discussion, here in Tokyo, we had the first FNCA Panel Meeting : Study panel for cooperation in Asia in the field of nuclear energy, focusing on the issue of Human Resource Development(HRD) for nuclear power plants(NPP).

Throughout the meeting, all of member countries confirmed that nuclear energy is essential for securing stable energy supply and mitigating climate change, and we could figure out that every country has a strong intention to nuclear energy. I have an idea that this mutual-understanding is the most important outcome for developing the partnership and collaboration on nuclear power plant in FNCA member countries. Besides, member countries presented the present and future plan for HRD, looking for the future of nuclear power utilization. With the presentation, I would like to mention that we could figure out that HRD is common issue of member countries.

There is not any pave way to introduce a new nuclear power plant, even in Japan having experience of 40 years. But, strong intention to NPP and HRD represented by each country is the most important energy for realizing NPP. In this context, the 1st Panel Meeting was a fruitful and productive meeting. I expect all participants would continue further discussion for developing the partnership for HRD and every issue concerning NPP in FNCA.

In addition, I would like to address that we agreed to prepare a comprehensive Joint Communique including the application of Clean Development Mechanism(CDM) to nuclear power for developing our collaboration and cooperation.

Finally, I would like to appreciate for excellent chair of Dr. Sugimoto. And, I hope all participants from abroad would have nice trip for home countries.

Thank you very much.