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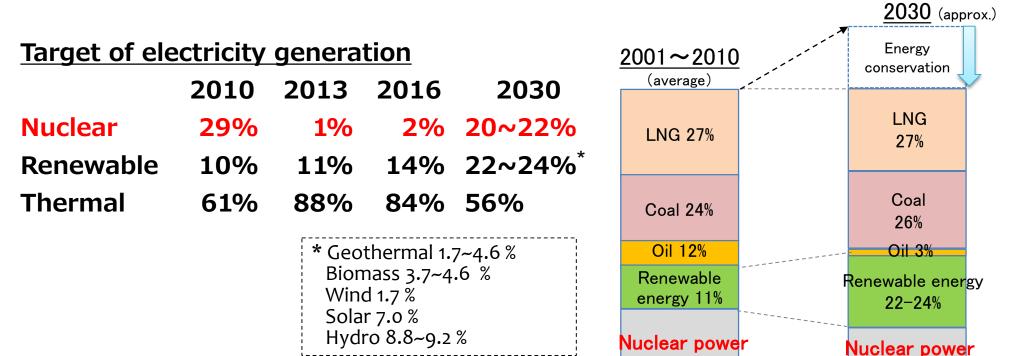
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#### Strategic Energy Plan and Energy Mix as of 2030

#### Strategic Energy Plan

(Cabinet Decision in July 2018)

- I. <u>Nuclear power is an important base-load power source</u> as a low carbon and quasi-domestic energy source, contributing to stability of energy supply-demand structure.
- II. <u>Dependency on nuclear power generation will be lowered to the extent possible</u> by energy saving and introducing renewable energy as well as by improving the efficiency of thermal power generation, etc.
- III. The basic policy of Japan is to <u>promote a nuclear fuel cycle</u> that reprocesses spent fuels and effectively utilizes the plutonium retrieved, from the viewpoint of effective utilization of resources and reduction of the volume and harmfulness of high-level radioactive waste.

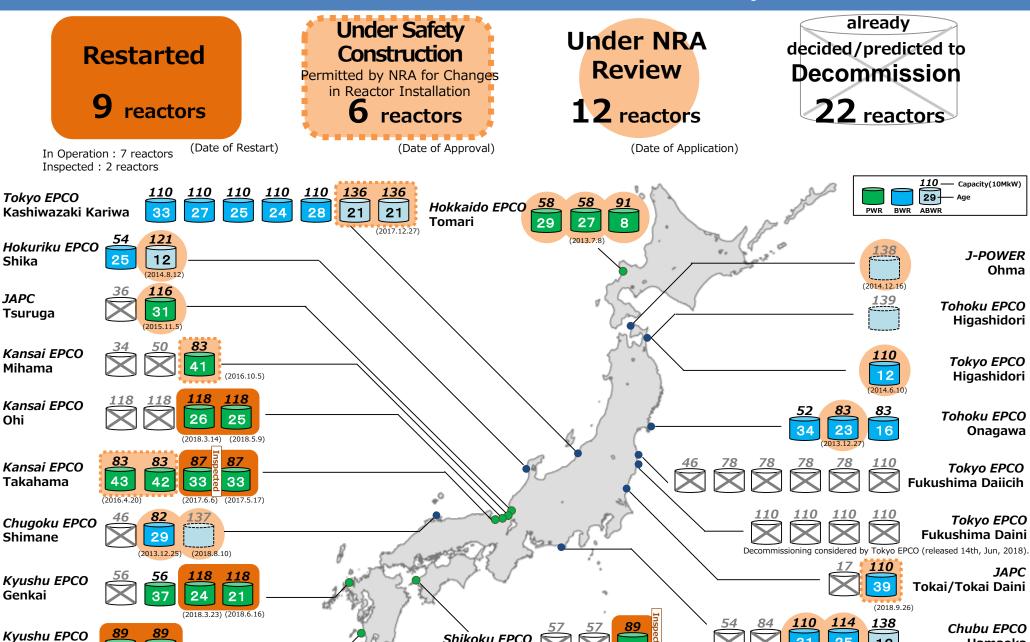


27%

22-20%

[Source] extracted (preliminary translation) from documents released in the 11<sup>th</sup> Long-term Energy Supply and Demand Outlook, Subcommittee, Advisory Committee for Natural Resources and Energy, METI

#### Restart of Nuclear Power Plants in Japan



Shikoku EPC

Ikata

Sendai

34

32

(2015.8.11) (2015.10.15)

Hamaoka

(2015.6.16) (2014.2.14)

#### Strategic Energy Plan (relevant parts of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle)

#### Promotion of the nuclear fuel cycle

- The basic policy of Japan is to promote a nuclear fuel cycle that reprocesses spent fuels and effectively utilizes the plutonium etc. retrieved, from the viewpoint of effective utilization of resources and reduction of the volume and harmfulness of high-level radioactive waste.
- Specifically, GOJ will promote plutonium use in LWRs, and proceed with such measures as completion of the Rokkasho Reprocessing Plant, construction of a MOX fuel fabrication plant, and completion of the Mutsu interim storage facility on the underlying premise of ensuring safety.

#### **Plutonium Management**

- The Japanese government remains committed to the policy of not possessing plutonium without specific purposes on the premise of peaceful use of plutonium and work to reduce of the size of plutonium stockpile, thereby contributing to nuclear non-proliferation and steadily proceeding with such efforts while gaining international understanding.
- In order to achieve this policy effectively, the government will appropriately manage and utilize plutonium through further promotion of plutonium use in LWRs and the Government's involvement based on the framework of the Spent Nuclear Fuel Reprocessing Implementation Act newly introduced in 2016 while paying due consideration to an appropriate balance between the separation and utilization of plutonium.

#### **R&D of Fast Reactors**

• Furthermore, under a roadmap to be developed pursuant to the "New Policy for Fast Reactor Development in Japan" (the decision by the Ministerial Council for Nuclear Power in December 2016), the government will promote R&D of fast reactors through international cooperation with the United States and France.

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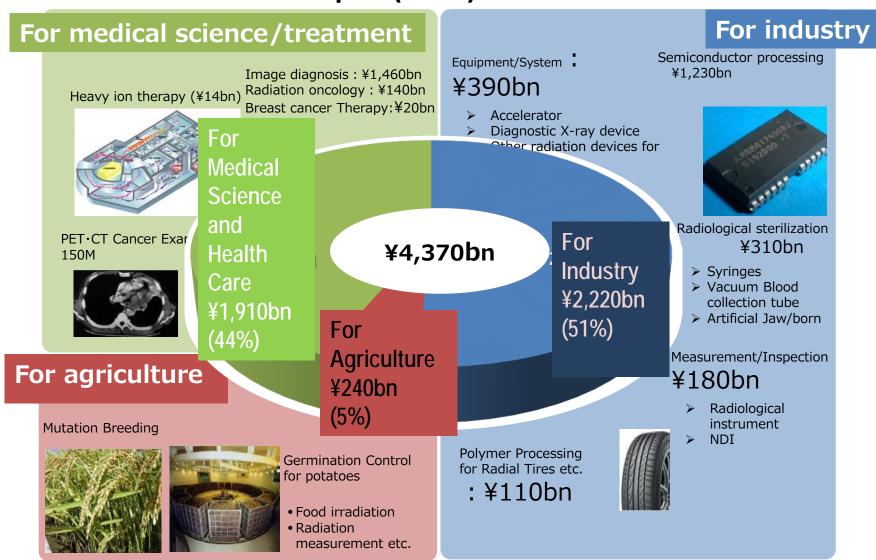
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## **Economic Scale of Radiation Utilization in Japan (2015)**



#### The categories radiation technology is applied in agriculture (2015)

Category	Object of the application	Value(in ¥100M)	Ratio
Mutation Breeding	Rice	2,453	88.0%
Mutation Breeding	Soybeans, Wheat, Barley, Enoki-Mashroom, Carnation, Chrysanthemum, Lawn, Pears,Peach	86	3.1%
The use of RI/Radiation Analysis	Radiation Analysis and others	145	5.2%
Pest Control	Melon Fly Eradication (in Okinawa/Amami/Ogasawara Islands)	74	2.6%
Sterilization	Food Packing Materials/Feed for Labo animals	26	0.9%
Food Irradiation	Sprout Control for Potatoes	9	0.3%

91.1%

#### **Ion-beam Mutagenesis**



RIKEN Beam Mutagenesis Group

Director



D. Agr. Tomoko Abe
dianthus
Original
'Olivia White Eye'



**DNA repair** Mutants







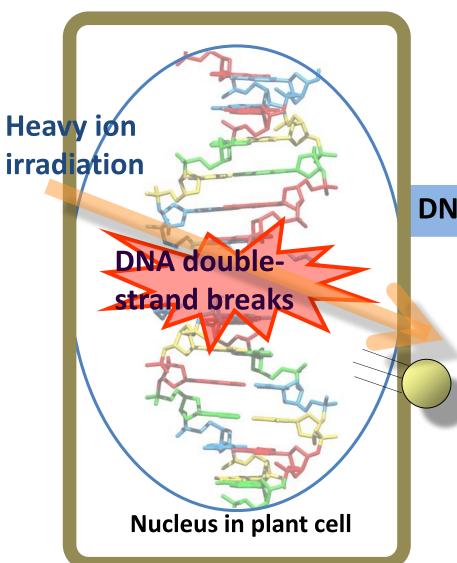








**New cultivar**'Olivia Purele White'



#### Advantages of ion-beam breeding

- Low dose, high mutation rates, and wide variation
- Irradiation treatment can be given to various plant materials
- Irradiation time between seconds to a few minutes
- •The time span for breeding can be shortened to 3 years

#### New cultivars developed from ion-beam irradiations

New flower color *Senetti* 



New flower color Torenia



New flower color Petunia



New flower color Cherry blossom



**Perpetual flowering** 



**Dwarf Millet** 



Late flowering Edible



**Tearless Onion** 



Saitama Yeast G strain Saitama Yeast H strain

## RIBF (Radio Isotope Beam Factory) of Institute of Physical and Chemical Research (RIKEN)



#### Salt-resistant rice in Miyagi prefecture

#### **C-ion irradiation**



Good taste
Original cultivar in
Miyagi pref.

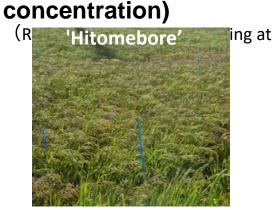
### Hitomebore Manamusume

Miyagi pref. Furukawa Agricultural Experimental Station (M<sub>2</sub> seeds harvest at Oct. 2011)



Salt-resistant line
Tall, green leaf, filled grain

Selection of the salt-resistant lines in saline paddy field (1/4 sea water



368 lines X 16plants =5888 plants



351 lines X 16 plants =5616plants

73 salt-resistant candidate lines (Oct.

2012)



13 salt-resistant lines (Oct. 2013)

4 salt-resistant lines (Oct. 2015)

1 salt-resistant line (Oct. 2016)

	Panic	le No./m²	Grain	
Yield (kg/a)				
Manamusume	363	60	0.7	
H1583	414	63	3.0	
Tsunami-affected Paddy field in Ishinomaki				

Thank you for your attention