

**Address at the Occasion of the 9th FNCA Coordinators Meeting held in Tokyo on  
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Good morning ladies and gentlemen! On behalf of the Atomic Energy Commission of Japan, it is a pleasure for me to welcome you all to the 9<sup>th</sup> FNCA coordinators' meeting here in Tokyo. In this time of the year, though cherry-blossom has not come yet, you can enjoy ume or plum-blossom viewing here and there in Tokyo.

Now First of all, it is a great pleasure for me to mention that the heads of delegation of countries participating in the FNCA Ministerial-level meeting held in Tokyo on December 18, 2007, which was a great success owing to the support of the member countries to which I would like to express our sincere thanks, signed "the FNCA Joint Communiqué on the Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy for Sustainable Development", in which they decided to raise global awareness of the importance of promoting the utilization of nuclear power as a low-carbon energy source in a manner that ensures non-proliferation, nuclear safety and security, in the framework of addressing global warming beyond 2012.

I genuinely believe that this communiqué will be a lasting principle for the promotion of nuclear power in Asian region and would like to make utmost efforts to disseminate the joint communiqué not only in each signatory country but also in the international community and actively cooperate with member countries for the implementation of the provisions mentioned in them.

As you know, the FNCA has attached importance to voluntary initiatives of cooperation among member countries for facilitating their activities of utilizing nuclear science and technology for development in each country, utilizing active network for partnership and mutual learning among experts and relevant institutions in member countries, under the guidance of the Ministerial-level meeting held annually.

Therefore it is also a pleasure for me to mention that the meeting endorsed the activities of this coordinators meeting to introduce, evaluate, revise, and or abolish various cooperative projects to be promoted or in progress in the FNCA framework.

Currently the FNCA entertains 11 projects in the fields of research reactor utilization, radiation application for agriculture and medical care, industrial application of radiation, radioactive waste management, nuclear safety culture, public information of nuclear energy, and human resource development. I understand that this time you will review the accomplishment of six projects, research reactor technology, neutron activation analysis, radiation oncology, public information, human resource development and radioactive waste management, which have concluded their activities in 2007, in addition to the routine check and review of the current status of the projects going.

As these cooperative projects are a core activity of the FNCA, I sincerely hope that you will provide far-sighted guidance on the promotion of high-quality cooperative projects.

Next, I would like to mention that the Ministerial-level meeting received the report of the first “Study Panel for Cooperation in the Field of Nuclear Energy in Asia”, which centered on “human resource development” and endorsed the proposal of the Panel to share relevant information among FNCA member countries on human resource development toward nuclear power introduction, such as existing academic programs and programs for expert training and each country’s experience on building nuclear power plants and related infrastructure by way of Internet communication and other means. I hope that you will construct an effective and practical system in connection with the Asian Nuclear Training and Education Program (ANTEP), listening carefully the opinion of potential user of the information provided by the system.

At the same time I hope that you will deliberate on the future of this study panel on nuclear power based on your evaluation of the outcome of the first study panel. You can identify the second topic from the list of topics relevant to nuclear power prepared for your consideration in the past and or you can decide to deepen and or broaden the study on the first topic of human resource development.

In this connection, I believe it useful for the FNCA to review the tools to communicate among participants in FNCA activities, including ways to make FNCA website and newsletter system more user-friendly and participatory systems, as you know, visualization or mieru-ka is a key for success in business activities in these days.

With that, I wish you success and a pleasant stay.

Thank you for your attention.