

Statement on Nuclear Test by North Korea

Japan Atomic Energy Commission

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1. On February 12, 2013, North Korea announced that it had conducted its third underground nuclear test. This constitutes a clear threat to international peace and security and challenges efforts of international society to promote nuclear disarmament and strengthen non-proliferation regime. The Japan Atomic Energy Commission strongly condemns this action.
2. The JAEC recognizes that the promotion of nuclear disarmament and the enhancement of global nuclear non-proliferation regime are essential for international society to push forward with the peaceful use, research and development of nuclear energy for the welfare of humankind. And therefore the JAEC has been consistently supporting the efforts for such promotion and enhancement by the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency, among others, and inducing Japan to take a leadership in such promotion and enhancement.
3. North Korea conducted this nuclear test despite strong international discouragement. This act is a direct challenge to the countries that are seriously promoting efforts for nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, including those for bringing the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) into force, ignoring Japanese citizen's strong wish for the total abolition of nuclear weapons, and cannot be tolerated. The JAEC strongly demands North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapon programs immediately and resume its membership in international non-proliferation regime.