

Statement on Nuclear Test by North Korea
Japan Atomic Energy Commission
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1. North Korea (DPRK) conducted its fourth nuclear test on January 6, 2016. This constitutes a clear threat to international peace and security and a challenge to the effort of the international community to promote nuclear disarmament and secure nuclear non-proliferation. The Japan Atomic Energy Commission (JAEC) strongly condemns such an act.
2. The promotion of nuclear disarmament and the strengthening of the international nuclear non-proliferation regime are indispensable for the international society's pursuit of peaceful use, research and development of nuclear energy for the betterment of human welfare. Therefore, the JAEC has consistently supported such efforts being made by the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency, among others, and held that Japan should take a leading role in such efforts.
3. Yet another nuclear test by North Korea in violation of the repeated U.N. Security Council resolutions is a serious blow to those who have been making efforts for nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, in particular the effort to bring the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) into force, ignores the Japanese people's strong wish for the ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons, and can never be tolerated. The JAEC strongly demands North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapon program immediately and return to the non-proliferation regime.