

Opening Session Speech

Good morning, Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,
Thank you indeed for attending the Seventeenth Ministerial-level Meeting of FNCA.

On behalf of the Japanese government, I wish to welcome all the outstanding participants from the Asian and Pacific countries and the OECD/Nuclear Energy Agency.

Ladies and gentlemen,
FNCA was set up at the beginning of new millennium with the objective to promote social and economic development through the peaceful and safe utilisation of nuclear technology. I am pleased that the FNCA has been demonstrating splendid achievements in every important area of peaceful use of nuclear energy, such as agriculture, medical care, industry, environment and nuclear power generation.

The warmest praise should go to all FNCA parties who generated remarkable outcomes for promoting “Atoms for Peace.”

Ladies and gentlemen,

It is almost 6 years now, since the Fukushima Daiichi Accident. Decontamination has been progressing steadily thanks to the tireless and difficult works. Radiation level has been steadily lowered, and residents are starting to come back to their beloved hometowns.

I think Japan has got a kind of moral obligation to share their precious lessons learned from the Fukushima Daiichi, and to discuss with Asian partners and international community, how safety of nuclear facilities can be improved.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am confident that the FNCA will continue to contribute to socio-economic development of all the member countries via enhanced use of nuclear energy. Plus, strategic alliance with leading international organizations like the OECD/NEA will give us greater chance to achieve the objective of the FNCA. Having all those said, let me express my warmest wish for a great success of this ministerial-level meeting, and satisfaction of all participants in this meeting.

Thank you.