



JAIF Strongly Protests North Korea's Nuclear Test

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On May 25, North Korea announced that it had successfully conducted an underground nuclear test. This action represents a grave challenge to the nuclear non-proliferation regime, and is in clear violation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1718, which was passed after the first nuclear test by North Korea in October 2006. North Korea's recent action should be strongly condemned.

The peaceful use of nuclear energy is now seen as a means to solve the problem of global warming, and, for that, it is vital that international efforts to secure nuclear non-proliferation be reinforced. Towards that end, the Japan Atomic Industrial Forum, Inc. (JAIF) issued an integrated report entitled, "[Proposals for Promoting the Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy and Reinforcing Nuclear Non-Proliferation](#)" in April 2008, drawn up by its Study Group on Nuclear Non-Proliferation. JAIF's proposal calls for the promotion of efforts to reinforce the nuclear non-proliferation regime and nuclear disarmament. The chairman of the study group is Shunji Yanai, former Japanese ambassador to the United States.

If the recent nuclear test by North Korea creates concern about international activities intended to further nuclear non-proliferation efforts and the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, its influence could well be incalculable, and we, therefore, strongly protest its action. From the viewpoint of the nuclear industry, we will continue to strive to expand the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and non-proliferation efforts, so that all of humanity may enjoy the benefits of nuclear energy.