

## **Sino-Japanese Seminar on Nuclear Safety Held in Hiroshima**

**On November 15 and 16, the Japan Atomic Industrial Foundation (JAIF) held the 20th Sino-Japanese Seminar on Nuclear Safety in Hiroshima with their counterparts from the Republic of China (ROC, or Taiwan). Some 31 participants from Taiwan and 70 from Japan attended.**

The seminar has been held since 1986, sponsored jointly by JAIF and the Taiwan Power Co., the ROC's Atomic Energy Council, and other entities from that country. The program for the two-day seminar this year was drawn up by a preparatory committee led by Vice President Takashi Yamashita of the Chugoku Electric Power Co.

After special addresses by Yoichi Fujii, previous chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) of Japan, and others, the session broke into separate sessions treating the following themes: (1) nuclear power plant construction, operation and maintenance, (2) the management of radioactive wastes and spent nuclear fuel, and (3) radiation protection and emergency preparedness. In addition, in commemoration of the 60th anniversary in 2005 of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, the participants made visits to the Peace Memorial Park, the Peace Memorial Museum and other places. The Taiwanese participants also made a separate visit to the Shimane NPS and to hospitals to view PET being used in treatment.

All of the Taiwanese participants visited Peace Memorial Museum – most of them for the first time – and they seemed to have been very moved by the experience. Vice President Tsai Ying-Chau of the Taiwan Power Company spoke of his impressions, saying, "My heart aches. I have reaffirmed my realization that nuclear energy must be used only for peaceful purposes."



**At the Peace Memorial Park**

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