

Japan and Kazakhstan to Cooperate in Uranium Mine Development

On November 21, Kazakhstan and Japan released a joint statement confirming high-level talks between them on development of a uranium mine in Astana, Kazakhstan, and their agreement on building a cooperative strategic relationship and seeking concrete cooperate activities.

In the talks, both countries expressed the view that it would be necessary for them to establish a mutually complementary, cooperative strategic relationship. They also agreed on the need to realize concrete cooperative efforts in the field that would be economically reasonable for both of them, in order to develop such a relationship.

The Japanese delegation to the talks was headed by Deputy Director-General Tetsuhiro Hosono of the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, and comprised representatives from the Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation, the Japan Bank for International Cooperation, Kansai Electric Power Co., Sumitomo Corporation, ITOCHU Corporation, Marubeni Corporation, Mitsubishi Corporation, Mitsui & Co., Ltd. and Sojitz Corporation.

Uranium deposits in Kazakhstan are ranked second in the world. Japan is endeavoring to ensure a stable supply of uranium over the medium and long term.

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