

## **JAIF to Reorganize in Preparation for Nuclear Renaissance**

**On December 9 in Tokyo, the Japan Atomic Industrial Forum, Inc. (JAIF), held an extraordinary general assembly of its members, at which it was decided that JAIF would be reorganized and “relaunched” on April 1, 2006.**

Nuclear development in Japan has reached a mature stage, as far as the use of light-water reactors (LWRs) is concerned. At the same time, in comparison with other energy industries in Japan, the industry's competitiveness and society's trust in it have waned. Under those circumstances, related parties around the country have begun to clamor for JAIF – effectively a synonym for “nuclear” in Japan – to take the lead in rejuvenating the whole industry. JAIF thus decided to reorganize and relaunch itself on April 1, 2006, with a new Japanese name. (The English name will remain unchanged.)

The year 2005 marked the 50th anniversary of the commencement of the peaceful utilization of nuclear energy in Japan. The reborn JAIF will make use of its robust organizational ability unifying the Japanese industry, and its extensive networks developed over the years, to ensure nuclear safety, help the public more fully understand and feel confident in nuclear power, and carry out its activities strategically based on three pillars: proposing policies, reforming regulation and disseminating information. Its overarching aims will be to bring about the revitalization and enhancement of Japan's nuclear industry and infrastructure. The new JAIF will not be limited, in practice or in attitude, by its past performance, but will be an organization that anticipates, foresees and acts promptly – strategically, in close coordination with its members and others.

As we at JAIF prepare for our new start next spring – in preparation for and the arrival of the nuclear renaissance in Japan, and to accelerate its progress – continued cooperation and support from all related circles would be gratefully appreciated.

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