

JAIF Strongly Protests Against a Nuclear Test Declared by North Korea

On October 9, North Korea made an announcement that the country had conducted a nuclear test. If the announcement of the nuclear test is true, we consider that it is totally unacceptable for the peace and security of the East Asia.

International community, including Asian nations whose economy shows significant growth, needs nuclear energy as an indispensable energy source for the sustainable development. JAIF, therefore, considers that the promotion of peaceful use of nuclear energy and the nuclear nonproliferation are the key necessity of the world. The nuclear test declared by North Korea yesterday not only goes against the wish of the world for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, but also presents a serious challenge to all who promotes peaceful use of nuclear energy. We thereby protest strongly against such a conduct by North Korea.

Japan is fully committed to the nuclear non-proliferation and to the peaceful utilization of nuclear energy. Japan proves the commitment through verifications (nuclear inspections) conducted by International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) under Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), to which the country is a party. Japan's Atomic Energy Basic Law strictly limits its nuclear research, development, and utilization only to peaceful purposes. JAIF, as an organization to promote the peaceful use of nuclear energy, has shared the responsibility to promote non-proliferation and nuclear disarmament.

Our commitment to the peaceful use of nuclear energy stands firm and will not be affected in any way in the face of the nuclear test by North Korea. Japanese nuclear industry is determined to contribute even more aggressively to the peaceful use of nuclear energy and to the nuclear non-proliferation that would lead to the ultimate abolition of nuclear weapons from the earth.

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