

JAIF's Imai and METI's Amari Call for Cooperation between Public and Private Sectors to Develop Nuclear Energy

On October 23, Chairman Takashi Imai of the Japan Atomic Industrial Forum (JAIF) paid a courtesy visit to the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), where he reported to Minister Akira Amari about the activities of JAIF, and exchanged opinions with him. In particular, he described the Atomic Industrial Safety Charter that JAIF announced later the same day, explaining the thrust of its formulation. The two officials found kindred spirits in one another, agreeing that the public and private sectors must join hands and work with all their might toward the development of nuclear energy.

Minister Amari said, "The number of people supporting nuclear energy for the reasons of energy security and environmental protection has been increasing," demonstrating his awareness. He then said, "We can no longer do without nuclear energy. With safety as the grand premise, the Safety Charter will serve as the foundation for that, so I am very grateful."

In response, Chairman Imai spoke about the energetic plans by other countries besides Japan, such as Vietnam and Indonesia, to introduce nuclear power, saying, "Though we plan to support them actively, it behooves Japan first of all to compile a record of safety, along with a review of regulations."

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