

JAIF Holds First Meeting of Conference Preparatory Committee in Aomori

The Japan Atomic Industrial Forum (JAIF) is planning to hold its 40th Annual Conference next April in Aomori Prefecture, and the preparatory committee for that conference held its first meeting on November 9 in Aomori City.

Referring to the occasion of the holding of the conference, JAIF Executive Vice-Chairman Takuya Hattori reaffirmed the necessity of the nuclear industry's maintaining an adamant will toward the completion of the fuel cycle, and underscored the significance of holding the conference in Aomori, which is the location of the nation's fuel-cycle facilities.

Next, Pres. Masahiko Endo of Hikosaki University, who serves as chairman of the preparatory committee, stated, "As a Japanese citizen, I was aware that nuclear energy-related matters were an important task. And as a citizen of Aomori Prefecture, where the next annual conference will be held, I thought I could offer my help, meager as it is." He finished his comments saying that he hoped the conference would be completed successfully with the cooperation of the other committee members.



Vice-governor Ebina delivers an address.

Since the Annual Conference will be held in Aomori Prefecture, Vice-governor Takeshi Ebina also attended the committee meeting, and he greeted the members by saying, "We heartily welcome the holding of the conference in Aomori Prefecture. Nuclear energy is also important from the aspect of global warming, and the prefecture takes pride in the fact that it is contributing to Japan's nuclear energy policy."

After that, an opinion exchange was held concerning the basic

direction of the conference and various session proposals.

It was decided to hold the 2007 JAIF Annual Conference in Aomori when Takashi Imai, having become the new JAIF chairman, visited Aomori Prefecture in July and directly asked Gov. Shingo Mimura for his cooperation.

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