

## **JAEA Receives Note of Appreciation from Foreign Minister**

On December 8, the Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA) received a note of appreciation from Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs Taro Aso concerning the collection of observation data on radionuclide data on North Korea's nuclear tests.

An international framework for the observation of nuclear tests is being set into place, based on the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). Japan has also installed observation posts in various locations around the nation so as to make a contribution to the effective management of the Treaty.

Within that international framework, the JAEA made observations of radionuclides, with facilities established in Tokai, Takasaki and Okinawa to carry out analysis and observation. Elsewhere, the Japan Weather Association (JWA) made seismic observations, primarily at its Nagano Observation Post, collecting relevant information. Both organizations performed the analysis and evaluation of abnormal occurrences at data centers located within Japan, the activities of which were coordinated by the Center for the Promotion of Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (CPDNP) of the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA), part of the managing secretariat of the CTBT.

The presentation of the note of appreciation by the Foreign Minister to the JAEA this time referred specifically to the contributions that it made during North Korea's nuclear tests in October, with data being collected daily by CTBT-related observation posts. Besides the JAEA, the JIIA and JWA also received notes of appreciation for their efforts.

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