

## **Comment by JAIF President on Shizuoka District Court Ruling**

**On October 26, the Shizuoka District Court handed down a ruling rejecting a petition requesting the stoppage of the operation of Units 1 to 4 at the Hamaoka Nuclear Power Station (NPS). President Takuya Hattori of the Japan Atomic Industrial Forum (JAIF) released a comment on the decision, as follows:**

Today, the Shizuoka District Court handed down a decision rejecting an appeal requesting the stoppage of operation of Units 1 to 4 at the Hamaoka NPS. The NPS already has sufficient seismic safety to withstand any large earthquake that can be anticipated, and the NPS owner, the Chubu Electric Power Co., is currently pondering ways to reinforce anti-seismic or the construction work taking place. From those facts, the seismic safety of the NPS can be regarded as fully secured.

Nuclear power is a core component of Japan's stable energy supply, playing an important role in assuring energy security and preventing global warming. With the impending crisis of global warming, and given the international scramble for energy resources, the need for nuclear power is ever increasing. Nuclear power is the key to protecting the environment while at the same time realizing sustainable development, supporting a stable energy supply not just for Japan but also for Asia, which is experiencing rapid economic development, as well as for the whole world.

From now and into the future, JAIF will continue to make efforts to promote the utilization of nuclear power, while obtaining the understanding of society.

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