

Uematsu Named to Nuclear Energy Advisory Council (NEAC)

On December 7, Dr. Kunihiko Uematsu, Senior Advisor of the Japan Atomic Industrial Foundation (JAIF), was appointed member of the Nuclear Energy Advisory Council (NEAC) of the United States Department of Energy (DOE).

The predecessor of NEAC was founded in 1998, and until the recent selection was composed of 14 members, all American. Dr. Uematsu is not only the first Japanese, but one of the first foreigners to be named to the Council.

The Council, an independent group of experts that cannot be subject to any outside interference, aims to give frank opinions about the nuclear energy development plans of the United States, from a scientific, technological and policy-based perspective. When Dr. Uematsu became a Council member, he also gave his personal opinions as an expert to the DOE, based on his experiences as researcher and Vice President of the old Power Reactor and Nuclear Fuel Development Corporation (PNC), as well as the Director-General of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's Nuclear Energy Agency (OECD/NEA).



Dr. Uematsu

The period of the term as council member is one year, with extension possible. The Council holds meetings twice or three times a year in the United States, with the first to be held soon after the New Year.

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