

## **Japan to Support International Cooperation in Nuclear Power — METI Sets Up New Subcommittee**

**On August 27, the Atomic Energy Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, consulting body of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), held a meeting to discuss ways to assist Japan's nuclear power industry in its activities overseas, given recent international developments toward a stable energy supply and in consideration of the issue of global warming.**

At the meeting, discussions were made to hammer out a policy for the national government to reinforce such efforts as (1) supporting actions by those countries planning to introduce or expand nuclear power to organize the necessary infrastructure, and actively promoting international cooperation, and (2) setting up the framework for the transfer of resources through bilateral cooperative arrangements, and making use of governmental financial institutions.

Specifically, it was decided to set up a new subcommittee to explore international strategies, which would deepen the analysis made of international developments involving Japan, and debate future policies. The subcommittee is to be composed of ten members or so, and will meet several times starting in October, with a report to be drawn up next spring.

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