

## **Capacity Factor Surpasses 70% for First Time in 17 Months**

**According to the Japan Atomic Industrial Forum, Inc. (JAIF), the operational status of Japan's domestic nuclear power plants (NPPs) for the month of August 2008 showed a capacity factor of 71.4%, with the total amount of generated electricity standing at 26.2 billion kWh (up 6.4% year-on-year). It was the first time since March 2007, or around a year and a half, that the capacity factor had exceeded 70%.**

The capacity factor had suffered from the effects of the stoppage of all the units at the Kashiwazaki Kariwa NPS following the earthquake of July 2007, but the resumption of operation at 11 units in a one-month period since July allowed an 8.3 point increase by August from the 63.1% figure registered in July.

The NPP capacity factor for all plants excluding those stopped since the summer of 2007 (i.e., 10 plants) totaled approximately 90%.

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