

Japanese and French Nuclear Energy Experts Meet in France to Discuss Broad Range of Topics

The 15th N-20 Japanese-Franco Nuclear Energy Experts Meeting was held on October 2 and 3, 2008, in Nice, France, with a joint communiqué released at the conclusion. The topics of discussion at the meeting this time covered a broad range of topics, including: (1) fast breeder reactor (FBR) development, (2) nuclear nonproliferation, (3) cooperation with emerging countries in the field of atomic energy, and (4) human resource development.

The joint communiqué touched on the fact that the July G-8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit made the first-ever public declaration of the perception that nuclear power was an effective measure against global warming, saying, "The most important thing is to clarify the role of nuclear power in international society." The statement also stressed the leading role that Japan and France ought to play as advanced nuclear-power countries.

The joint communiqué is at

http://www.jaif.or.jp/english/news/2008/15th_n20_joint_statement.pdf

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