

## **JAIF Launches Professor Mukaibo Project with Financial Support to WNU Trainees**

**The Japan Atomic Industrial Forum, Inc. (JAIF), has launched the “Professor Mukaibo Memorial Project on Human Resource Development,” aimed at nurturing future Japanese leaders with an international perspective in the nuclear field, allowing them to work and contribute in Japan and abroad. The project’s first activity is to assist students in attending the Summer Institute of the World Nuclear University (WNU), to be held next July at Oxford University.**

Mukaibo, who died in July 2002 at age 85, taught electrochemistry at the University of Tokyo starting in 1959, becoming the dean of the engineering school in 1968, and president of the entire university from 1977 to 1981. In 1981, he was appointed acting chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, and later also served as chairman of JAIF from 1992 to 2000.

As he was the Japan’s first science attaché to the U.S. in 1954, just after the announcement of the "Atoms for Peace" program by President Eisenhower, Prof. Mukaibo enthusiastically devoted himself to the negotiations on the Japan-U.S. Nuclear Cooperation Agreement. He also made every effort to get Japan— not a member nation of the U.N. at that time — to become a board member of the International Atomic Energy Agency at its founding.

Wishing to honor his achievements, JAIF will undertake various projects to assist in the area of human resource development over the next decade, including personnel dispatch domestically and overseas, scholarships and aid for research expenses, and thesis awards.

Detailed information about WNU is at <http://www.world-nuclear-university.org/>

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