

## **JAIF Conducts Energy Awareness Survey over Internet**

On October 28, the Japan Atomic Industry Forum (JAIF) released the results of a survey that had taken on the energy awareness of individuals across Japan and in nuclear-siting municipalities. Questionnaires were e-mailed to individuals nationwide during a designated six-day period at the end of September, with 2,235 responses received. JAIF analyzed the replies and categorized them by gender and age (generation), comparing them with responses from an additional 243 individuals from 17 different municipalities with nuclear power plants.

When asked about which social issues they were interested in (multiple answers allowed), only 30% of the respondents chose "a stable supply of energy" (ranking it 10<sup>th</sup> overall), with even fewer (18%) choosing "nuclear power generation" (ranked 11<sup>th</sup>), revealing the low interest held by people in such issues nationally. In contrast, a high 43% of the respondents from nuclear-siting municipalities said that they were interested in nuclear power generation.

When asked about which power sources they expected would be important in the next decade (also multiple answers allowed), the nationwide 86% of the respondents cited solar energy, followed by 55% for wind energy, 32% for hydropower, 27% for nuclear power, 26% for biomass, 19% for natural gas, 4% for oil, and lastly 2% for coal. In contrast, some 41% of the respondents from nuclear-siting municipalities selected nuclear power, 14 points more than the general sample.

JAIF conducted the survey to be able to use the results as basic materials when making policy proposals and staging regional dialogue meetings. It will analyze and further consider the results in more detail hereafter.

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