

Next May's PIF Summit Meeting to Discuss Nuclear Fuel Transportation

The next Japan and the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Summit Meeting, staged in Japan every three years since 1997, is scheduled to be held from May 22 to 23, 2009, in Tomamu, Hokkaido.

It was important for Japan in the past to get the understanding of those nations concerning its transport of spent fuel to Europe, and it will be equally important to do so for the future transport of MOX fuel and radioactive waste back from Europe to Japan.

The forum consists of 14 nations, including Australia and New Zealand, along with two regions. This will be the fifth time the meeting has been held.

With the Japanese prime minister also participating, the forum aims to reinforce links between Japan and the island nations of the Pacific, as well as to facilitate joint efforts for the development of the region.

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