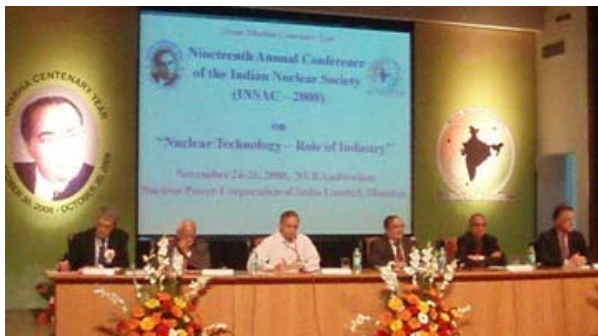


JAIF Sends Delegation to India to Attend 19th Annual Conference of the Indian Nuclear Society

The Indian Nuclear Society (INS) held its 19th Annual Conference in Mumbai, India, from November 24 to 26. The Japan Atomic Industrial Forum (JAIF) sent a delegation headed by JAIF President Takuya Hattori, having received an invitation from the chairman of the conference organizing committee, Dr. S.K. Jain, President of the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL).

Around 600 people attended this year's conference. Besides representatives of various Indian nuclear-related corporations and research institutes, there were also many participants from overseas, such as France, the United States, South Korea, and Japan.

President Hattori delivered a speech at the conference on the subject of the global nuclear renaissance and Japan's role. After outlining the outlook for the expanded development of atomic energy around the world, he explained Japan's basic policies on nuclear development and the current state of affairs. He said that Japan was able to maintain and improve its technology thanks to its experience of steadily constructing new nuclear power plants (NPPs) over the years, stressing that Japanese firms had an excellent record of keeping to a construction schedule and managing the budget when building NPPs.



During the period of the conference, the Japanese delegation to India held talks with Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission of India, and NPCIL's Dr. Jain. The members also held an informal meeting with executives from the general heavy-machinery manufacturer, Larsen & Toubro Limited, India's largest engineering and construction conglomerate.

The conference ended on the same day on which terrorists struck hotels and other facilities in Mumbai, but fortunately was not directly affected as the attacks happened at night, after the conference ended.

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