

## Statement of the 40th JAIF Annual Conference

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The 40th JAIF Annual Conference was held from April 9 to April 12, 2007 in Aomori by the Japan Atomic Industrial Forum. Its keynote theme was “Advancing Nuclear Energy Harmonized with Non-proliferation --- Fuel Cycle for Japan and the Global Challenges for the Future”. Following was confirmed through the presentations and discussions during the sessions and shall be released as the Statement of the Conference.

1. The benefit of nuclear power as an indispensable source of energy that enhances energy security and helps mitigate global warming is appreciated not only in Japan but across the globe. A resurgence in nuclear energy is beginning. It is of utmost importance that all players home and abroad work together to enhance transparency in the utilization of nuclear energy, with safety being the overriding priority, and promote international collaboration.

2. In Japan, active testing is underway at the reprocessing plant at Rokkasho in Aomori ahead of full commissioning. We are expected to develop the technologies required to close the nuclear fuel cycle and make a significant contribution to nuclear non-proliferation under a firm national policy, and to establish a Japanese model of peaceful use and present it to the whole world. As nuclear energy programs expand around the globe, stable supply of nuclear fuel should be secured by way of international cooperation.

3. Nuclear Energy in Japan has developed and grown thanks to the understanding and cooperation of many siting communities. Aomori Prefecture is a center of various aspects of nuclear research, development and utilization, unmatched by any other in the world. This region is clearly expected to serve an even greater role for nuclear power in Japan and the rest of the world. In this regard, it is desired that the nuclear industry and the local communities bring together human and technological resources so as to co-prosper in the long term.

The Japan Atomic Industrial Forum wishes to share a common understanding and is determined to work together with all those concerned, particularly the International Atomic Energy Agency so that nuclear energy can make a greater contribution to a prosperous and peaceful world for the coming generations.