

The 14th FNCA Ministerial Level Meeting
Chair's Statement
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On the 19th of December 2013, Japan will host the 14th FNCA Ministerial Level Meeting. The meeting was attended by 12 countries in the Asian region. In closing the meeting, the chair of the meeting will issue a statement.

<Nuclear Security Culture Development>

We recognize the all-too-real threat of possible terrorist attacks on nuclear facilities, and we also recognize that nuclear security is the government's responsibility; we have reconfirmed importance of government leadership in security culture development. We have discussed concrete activities such as seminars and workshops that are to actively supported and encouraged through government leadership to raise nuclear security consciousness of nuclear operators and nuclear facility employees.

Japan has proposed the following three initiatives to build nuclear security culture:

1. Japan will host a training course for participants from Asian countries in late 2014, to be conducted by the Integrated Support Center for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Nuclear Security (ISCN) of the Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA), under the co-sponsorship of the IAEA.
2. Japan will support FNCA member countries to build nuclear security culture through the activities of the ISCN.
3. Japan will offer utilization of the FNCA website so that initiatives and best practices of nuclear security culture development can be shared among FNCA member countries.

<Utilization of FNCA Project Achievements>

Thanks to the wisdom and efforts of FNCA member countries, radiation applications in the fields of health care, industry, and environment have demonstrated solid achievement and contribute to the social and economic development and welfare of the

Asian region. In particular, we highly appreciate that projects such as “Protocol for Cervical Cancer”, “Biofertilizer by Radiation Sterilization”, and “Mutation Breeding for important crops resistant to diseases” have reached the stage of practical use. We agreed that the leaders of member countries will proactively promote commercialization of other projects and bring real benefits to end users.

<Peaceful Use of Nuclear Science and Technology and Its Contribution to the Prosperity of Asia>

We recognize that the FNCA is a valuable framework to contribute to the social and economic development and welfare of the Asian region and to build nuclear power infrastructure to maintain the highest level of nuclear safety in the Asian region.

FNCA member countries welcome Japan’s efforts to continuously communicate lessons learned from the accident at TEPCO’s Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station and to recognize that such information will contribute to improvements in safety to the nuclear infrastructures of FNCA member countries.