

Practice on Construction of Public Information of Nuclear in China

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am very pleased to attend the seminar to share the experience on nuclear public information with everybody here.

Nuclear power in China was initiated in the eighties of last century. For more than 20 years, the construction of nuclear power and nuclear industry have achieved great success. Up to now, the total number of nuclear units in operation in China is seven, with an installed capacity of 5400MW. The additional 4 units is still under construction. They will be completed and put into operation before 2005. Nuclear energy has played an important role in development of China's economy and society and the improvement of people's life.

General speaking, most people in China could understand nuclear power, and support the construction of nuclear power. It makes the development of nuclear power in China keep going smoothly. To

promote the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, we have made a lot of efforts to public acceptance of nuclear energy. Our efforts we have made could be divided into two levels.

1.local level

During the construction of NPP, some local people lacked nuclear knowledge and might have nuclear panic, even made protest against the construction of NPP. For example, some Hong Kong people did not support Daya Bay NPP. To clear away these obstacles, NPP operators usually take measures as follows:

A. Setting up a department of public relations to deal with the issues of public acceptance.

B. building exhibition rooms to show the advantages of nuclear energy and nuclear knowledge.

C. Holding public lectures to report much more about the NPP's operation and project progress.

D. Opening the NPP to the public and organizing people to visit the NPP.

E. Introducing nuclear knowledge by means of local television, radio and newspaper.

2.CAEA level

News Center of CAEA , which is subordinate to CAEA, was set up in 2002. One of its functions is to carry out the activities on nuclear public information and education nationwide.

In April of this year, the Regional Information Seminar on “Nuclear Energy and Human Needs in Asia” held by CAEA and IAEA in Beijing. News Center of CAEA organized the meeting. Approximately 200 people from neighboring countries, and domestic participants attended the seminar.

In order to organize this meeting efficiently, we made efforts as follows:

A. Inviting a large number of journalists from CCTV, newspapers, internet and other media to attend the seminar.

B. Organizing “Nuclear Energy and Technology” exhibition on the site of the meeting.

C. After the meeting, distributing the copy of the exhibition content to relating department of local government to Organize exhibition in local places.

D. Setting up special web pages in CAEA web site to publish the

paper of the meeting, and to discuss the nuclear issues which the public is concerned. An online nuclear exhibition was put on CAEA website.

E. producing popular science TV series on nuclear energy and nuclear technology to broadcast nationwide.

Next year, China will have joined IAEA for 20 years. We are planning to set a series of activities to celebrate the special day, so as to enhance the communication with the public.

Televisions, newspapers, exhibition, public lectures, internet and other modern media means are good ways to carry out the projects on public information and popular science education on nuclear. But some difficulties we often meet are to get pictures and video material which record the latest achievement of nuclear energy development worldwide. I hope we could get them through FNCA, or even through IAEA, and share the information with all members of FNCA and IAEA.