# Current Status on Nuclear Public Information in Japan

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Current Issues of Japan 's Nuclear Development Need to regain trust and support to nuclear power from the Japanese people

#### Two big issues

- 1. Operating Nuclear Power Plants
- 2. MOX use Programme

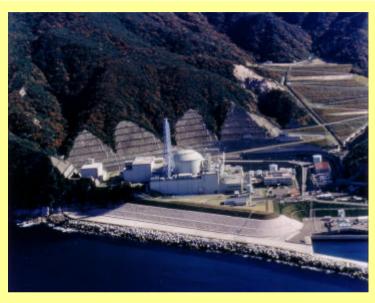
- 1.Operating Nuclear Power Plants
- A series of falsifications of selfinspection data by TEPCO revealed on August 2002
- TEPCO stopped reactors from the Quality Assurances point of view.

- TEPCO and Japanese utilities made great efforts to regain trust from the Japanese people
- In September 2003, Several TEPCO Reactors brought back online; Now 7 plants of total 17 plants restarted operation.
- TEPCO overcame electricity blackout this summer.

- ODENKI YOHOUNot OTENKI YOHOU
- As daily electricity demand forecast on television
- OTENKI YOHOU =Weather forecast

- 2. MOX-use Program Deadlocked
- The falsifications of self-inspection data by TEPCO have cast a shadow over Japan's national program to burn MOX fuel in LWRs.
- Immediately after the revelation of the falsifications, TEPCO announced its intention to postpone implementation of the MOX program

- It would not be able to implement it after having lost the confidence of the residents TEPCO said
- The two prefectures where those units are situated said that they, too, would be freezing the program.
- MOX-use Program Deadlocked







- Made by every possible field;
   JAEC, Utilities, JAIF
- JAIF case

# Current Status and Topics on Nuclear Energy in Japan Daily efforts for Pl

- ◆ JAIF case
- Efforts made by 5 local branches located in 5 areas in Japan
- Members: Companies, local governments, labor unions, groups of residents in each area

# Current Status and Topics on Nuclear Energy in Japan Daily efforts for PI JAIF case

- 1 . Actual PI Activities
- Meeting for the study of Energy and Environment
   Participants:teachers from elementary schools to high-schools
   Programme:A series of Lectures and sightseeing tours

# Current Status and Topics on Nuclear Energy in Japan Daily efforts for PI JAIF case

- Curriculum Example
- No . of Meetings6 Times a year
- Programme
  - 1 .Lectures on Energy Affairs in Japan, Radiation and Radioactivity, Energy Future.
  - 2 .Exchange opinions between participants and experts .
  - 3 .Sightseeing tours to nuclear power plants ,thermal power plants and nuclear fuel reprocessing facilities etc .

# Current Status and Topics on Nuclear Energy in Japan Daily efforts for PI JAIF case

- Distributing books or pamphlets on energy and nuclear energy to libraries or schools
- Painting contest, composition contest for children & students
- Themes: My dream and future society", My idea aboutenergy and nuclear energy" etc.

## .FNCA PI Project Activities in Japan

 Activities conducted by FNCA PI Project Group

2. Other activities

## Activities conducted by FNCA PI Project Group

1: Tasks and members etc.

Selected members from experts on PI fields with a national coordinator and observers from MEXT etc.

- Chairman (PL): Dr. Yasumasa Tanaka

Plans of activities are discussed, developed, made and evaluated

Useful board for planning and achieving the project

#### Activities conducted by FNCA PI Project Group

2: Actual activities (2002 through 2003) FNCA PI Project Group Meeting(Usually twice a year)

Activities; Making action plans, share information, evaluate actions, prepare and follow PLM etc.

- 3: Task force group for joint survey on understanding and interest in radiation among high school students in FNCA countries
- 4: Making and Follow the survey

#### Other Activities

- 1. Visiting a hi-school and follow up the joint survey (February , 2003)
- 2. Presentation at Atomic Energy Society of Japan.
- 3. RSB Activities
- 4. Communication through mass media
- 5. AsiaN Net

## 1. Visiting a hi-school and follow up the joint survey (February, 2003)

- Visited a hi-school in which presurvey was conducted.
- Special event for the youth.
- Made a lecture by Dr. Machi. Enrich knowledge and understandings about radiation.







## 2. Presentation at Atomic Energy Society of Japan

September 2003

Presenting the outline of the survey

Discussion with panelists. Exchange opinions between attendants and panelists. (Mr.Endo, vice president JAEC, Dr. Tanaka, Dr. Machi and Mr. Ejiri)









#### 3. RSB Activities

Requested from Thailand, Dr. Machi made a special Lecture at NUTEC THAILAND 2003 on June19-20,2003, exchanging opinions with professionals in nuclear energy fields as well.

A conference taken place every two years where professionals in nuclear energy fields are participated (About 400 this year).

#### 4. Communication through mass media

Putting in articles on nuclear energy for magazines or newspapers. (Dr. Machi)

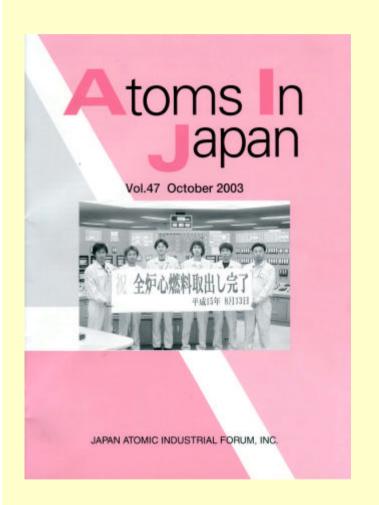
Lectures on nuclear energy ("Nuclear Technology and International Cooperation" etc.Dr. Machi)

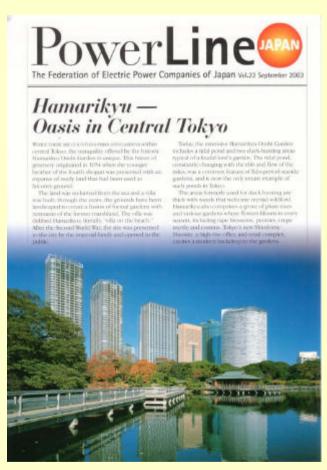


#### 5 . AsiaNNet

Distributing Information to FNCA countries(Atoms in Japan etc.)

Improving Web Site







FNCA PI Joint Survey on Understanding and linterest in Radiation among High School Students in FNCA Countries (Topics and a part of analysis)

Main issues what Japanese students are most interested in:

**Future life and Friends** 

Interested in topics involving radiation:
Two third of Japanese students
More in other countries

Top source of information on science and technology:

TV & Radio in all countries



## Joint survey (Topics and a part of analysis)

Top source of information on science and technology:

TV & Radio in all countries

What the word of radiation brings to students' mind:

X-ray photograph
Hiroshima, Nagasaki
Nuclear weapons are common to all countries.

# Joint survey Examples; Written in the high-school textbooks in Japan

- "Hiroshima & Nagasaki" (World History),
- "Nuclear Power" (Politics & Economics),
- "Application of radiation" (Health & Sports),
- "Radiation & Radioactivity" (Physics)
- "Nuclear Reaction & Radioactivity" (Physics)

## . Future plan to Enhance FNCA PI Project

- Try and show the importance of nuclear energy to the public
- 1: Effective ways and procedures to communicate with mass media people.
- [ To be discussed in next PLPLM ]
- 2 : Strategy to promote persons who communicate information and knowledge on nuclear energy to the public
- [ To be discussed in next PI PLM ]
- 3 : Enhance FNCA Web-Site

