

Message from Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio
at the first Nuclear Energy Summit
(Read out by Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs
KOMURA Masahiro) (March 21,2024)

- My name is, KOMURA Masahiro, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan. Today, on the occasion of the memorable, inaugural Nuclear Energy Summit, I am honored to deliver a message on behalf of Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio.
- As affirmed, at the G7 Hiroshima Summit chaired by Japan last year, it is time for all countries to aim to achieve the common goal of net-zero through various pathways that are compatible with economic growth and energy security.
- To achieve this goal, it is essential to introduce clean energy to the greatest extent possible. Nuclear energy is indispensable along with renewable energy and other measures. We must devise strategies to attract further investment which is necessary to enhance the use of nuclear energy.
- Japan commits to thorough energy conservation and to prioritize renewable energy as its primary power source. At the same time, Japan will continuously reflect upon the lessons from the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station and ensure that the use of nuclear power places safety as its top priority.
- Excellencies, implementing Green Transformation or GX to enhance energy security while also advancing decarbonization is an important concern.
- Japan will work to push forward the restart of nuclear power plants, extend their operational periods, and foster the development and construction of next-generation advanced reactors. Furthermore, Japan will promote research and development through global collaboration and strive to establish a robust supply chain.
- Nuclear power has the potential to contribute to human development not only in the energy sector but across various fields including industry, medicine, and agriculture.
- The IAEA's role as a promoter of peaceful use of nuclear energy is expanding as never before. Japan has recently decided to contribute a total of 18.5 million euros to initiatives such as "Atoms for Food" improving monitoring for maritime states including Pacific nations and ensuring nuclear safety in Ukraine. Japan will continue to strengthen its cooperation with the IAEA across a wide range of areas.

- In partnership with the international community, Japan is committed to extending every effort to ensure the safe and sustainable use of nuclear energy and nuclear non-proliferation. This commitment aims to create an environment that forthcoming generations can cherish and uphold with pride. It is my hope that this summit will make significant progress in that direction. Thank you.

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