

**JOINT DECLARATION
BY
THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR ENERGY
AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

The friendly relations between Japan and the Republic of Turkey started in 1890 with the voyage of Ertuğrul Frigate to Japan and since then a historical friendly relationship over 120 years has been established between the two countries.

The strong friendly relations between the two countries have turned into concrete cooperation with full-scale energy projects. On the 3rd of May 2013, by signing of “the Agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of Turkey for Co-operation in the Use of Nuclear Energy for Peaceful Purposes” and “the Agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of Turkey on Co-operation for Development of Nuclear Power Plants and the Nuclear Power Industry in the Republic of Turkey” a new era has started in terms of bilateral relations.

With “the Joint Declaration on the Establishment of Strategic Partnership between Japan and the Republic of Turkey” signed on the same date by the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Shinzo ABE and the Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, Mr. Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, the Prime Ministers concurred on the establishment of an international university of science and technology in Turkey with the aim of strengthening educational co-operation between the two countries including the training of experts in the nuclear energy field, and for this purpose a committee has been set up composing of the Japanese and Turkish representatives. The preparatory works regarding the university that will be established jointly in Turkey by the two countries will continue rapidly in the forthcoming period and the university will start education at the earliest practical date.

Right after the visit to Turkey by the Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Shinzo ABE, in May 2013 the negotiations regarding “Host Government Agreement” started for realizing the Sinop Nuclear Power Plant Project and the technical negotiations were completed as of the date of October 29, 2013 with the intense efforts of the parties. Simultaneously, technical feasibility study has started in the pursuit of maximum nuclear safety in the site where the nuclear power plant will be constructed.

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