
Steering Committee Report (1st, 2017)

September 20, 2017 at JAIF Headquarters, Tokyo, Japan

Summary

The first Steering Committee of JN-HRD Net was held on Thursday September 7, 2017, at the JAIF Headquarters, Tokyo, Japan. JAIF, JICC and JAEA serve the joint secretariat of JN-HRD Net, comprising 74-member organizations (as of August 2017) from electric power companies, manufacturers, university/colleges, government entities, etc.

About 50 people (observers included) participated in the meeting. Tokyo Electric Power Company resumed its involvement in the JN-HRD Net Steering Committee. Akira Takahashi, President of JN-HRD, has been approved to remain as Chairperson of the Steering Committee. Mr. Takahashi referred, in his acceptance speech, to the resumption of commercial operation of Takahama Nuclear Power Station, Kansai Electric Power Company, and operation for research reactors under new regulatory standards at Kinki University and University of Kyoto. He also mentioned to the decommissioning work at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station of TEPCO. He stressed the importance of securing nuclear engineers, preservation and upgrading of nuclear technologies under such development of nuclear environment and the need to continue strengthening the JN-HRD Net activities under collaboration of industry, government and academia, thus firming the outcome of nuclear human resource development over the past 7 years of JN-HRD work in Japan and in newcomer countries.

At the Steering Committee Meeting reported were, among others: Request of collaboration, by the Government Cabinet Office (CAO), in information collection concerning nuclear education at universities; Status of nuclear R&D infrastructure building working group activities, by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT); Nuclear human resource development activities at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), by METI; Support to nuclear human resource development at overseas, by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). Also reported were on the status of nuclear reactor of the University of Kyoto and preparation of bringing IYNC2020, the international youth nuclear conference, to Japan by the Young Generation Network (YGN) of Atomic Energy Society of Japan (AESJ).

The Secretariat summarized the Japan-IAEA Joint Nuclear Energy Management School (NEM) 2017 and reported on the signing ceremony held between IAEA and three secretariat bodies of JN-HRD Net (JAIF, JICC and JAEA). Attention was also drawn to the 2017 IAEA Training Course on Nuclear Power Infrastructure Development scheduled for November 6 to December 1 in Tokyo, Fukushima and other venues.