

Establishment of the Japan Nuclear Safety Institute

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The Japan Nuclear Safety Institute (JANSI) was established today with the mission of improving safety at nuclear power plants by ensuring the completeness of measures including severe accident management based on the lessons learned from the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station.

With independence and strong leadership, JANSI will collect and analyze the latest inputs from domestic and overseas sources that are relevant to the improvement of safety, evaluate the technical aspects of the safety improvement activities of electric utilities, and firmly guide the utilities' activities by offering advice and support.

The electric power companies of Japan will sincerely follow the evaluations, advice and recommendations given by JANSI. Each electric company, led by the strong determination and commitment of its president, will implement necessary measures for improving safety.

Various safety issues identified at individual companies will not be assumed to be problems only at those companies; rather, they will be assumed to be industry-wide problems. We seek to improve the level of nuclear safety in Japan by jointly solving any issues in a spirit of friendly rivalry.

For Japan, which has a low energy self-sufficiency ratio, a constant principle of the energy strategy is to seek diverse energy options while pursuing the "S+3E" (Safety, Energy security, Economy and Environmental conservation). This requires the continued use of nuclear power as an important generation option, premised on nuclear safety.

Nuclear safety is a key part of our mission. All electric utilities will strictly comply with all new safety standards that are established by the Nuclear Regulation Authority. Based on lessons learned from insufficient efforts in the past and with a renewed commitment to make ongoing improvements, we will constantly strive to achieve the world's highest level of nuclear safety.