

## FEPC's stance on the Decision of "Innovative Strategy for Energy and Environment"

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Today, the Government of Japan decided their policy "Innovative Strategy for Energy and Environment" at The Energy and Environment Council.

We fully understand that energy policy is exactly the backbone policy which supports the nation, thus we have proposed to avoid a hasty discussion and to review the concept of energy options itself. We are also opposed to the nuclear zero policy from the perspective of securing diversification of energy sources.

Today's decision will bring numerous and expensive challenges for Japan's energy policy. Particularly, we strenuously deplore that the Government presented the policy "to devote all policy resources to achieving zero nuclear power generation in the 2030s."

Aiming at zero nuclear power means that we will face very serious challenges which include an outflow of national wealth by increased fossil fuel imports, higher electricity rates, global warming issue, and maintaining the required human resources for operating Japan's nuclear power facilities. Above all, the zero nuclear policy would break the trust of communities hosting nuclear facilities.

The Government's policy decision did not draw a road map to solve these challenges in a way that either citizens or the business community can accept. Therefore, we strongly ask that the Government of Japan address challenges, and also review the practicality of the new energy policy.

We believe that it is necessary to take advantage of nuclear power as an important electricity source and to promote the nuclear fuel cycle which can make effective use of uranium resources, in cooperation with communities hosting nuclear facilities. As a major component of this, we will dedicate all our strength to securing the safety of nuclear power in an effort to pursue the highest standards in the world.