

Memorandum of Cooperation

between

the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy of the United Kingdom

and

the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan

December 22, 2016

Recognising the Joint Statement by the Prime Ministers of the UK and Japan: A Leading Strategic Partnership for Global Prosperity and Security 10 April 2012 (“Joint Statement”), in the field of civil nuclear, the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy of the United Kingdom and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan have decided to enter into this Memorandum of Cooperation in the spirit of partnership and to strengthen bilateral cooperation across the full range of nuclear activities. In doing so, both sides reaffirm to each other their desire, to increase commercial and research collaboration, and to develop their strategic partnership in this field, which both sides recognise as of important mutual benefit.

Decommissioning and Decontamination

Recognising the deepening relationship in the fields of nuclear decommissioning and decontamination, both sides decide to continue to support and encourage partnerships in these areas. In particular, recognising the importance of sharing experience and knowledge, both sides acknowledge deepening the collaboration on decommissioning programmes and joint research in this complex area. The existing collaborations between the Nuclear Damage Compensation and Decommissioning Facilitation Corporation (NDF) and the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA), and between the Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) and Sellafield Ltd, are celebrated by both sides as examples of collaboration that is yielding mutually beneficial results.

Research and Development

Both sides recognise the importance of deepening the mutual understanding of both countries’ nuclear sectors through further collaboration on research and development. Both sides appreciate the ongoing discussion among relevant Ministries and organisations in the field of research and development to expand partnership by various means including through encouraging interchange between academic institutions, and exploring the idea of utilising each country’s research facilities.

Global safety and Security Practices

Both sides recognise the importance nations involved in civil nuclear activities, in particular exporting nations, have in upholding and enhancing global safety and security practices to ensure the provision of safe and secure nuclear power, and reaffirm their unwavering desire to working bilaterally and multilaterally to achieve such an outcome.

Nuclear New Build

Both sides recognise the role nuclear power can play in providing safe, reliable, low carbon and affordable energy. In particular, both sides note the proposals for nuclear power stations in the UK put forward by Japanese companies, namely the Horizon project at Wylfa in Anglesey and the NuGen project at Moorside in Cumbria. Both sides note the progress made to date by the developers and welcome the opportunity to continue to discuss the development of their proposals.

Both sides confirm the achievements and progress made under the '*Japan-UK Framework on Civil Nuclear Co-operation*' (*Attachment to the Joint Statement*) and subsequent five annual dialogues in promoting collaboration and mutually beneficial outcomes under the strategic partnership. Both sides decide to continue and enhance this dialogue in addition to a range of other activities to be specified on a continuing basis by both sides.

This Memorandum of Cooperation does not give to rise to legally binding rights or obligations under international law.

In witness whereof, both sides have signed this Memorandum at Tokyo on December 22, 2016 in duplicate, in the English and Japanese languages, each version being equally valid.

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