

Resolution on the need to form consensus with local governments and residents regarding nuclear restart, including the Ohi nuclear power plant

As Mayors for a Nuclear Free Japan, a network launched after the March 11 Great East Japan Earthquake and subsequent nuclear disaster, we appeal to the government to take steps towards zero dependence on nuclear power.

We ourselves are also taking concrete actions towards this aim in our own local municipalities. While in preparation for the assembly of this network, Prime Minister Noda and his Cabinet approved the restart of Fukui Prefecture's Ohi nuclear power plant, and Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Edano visited Fukui to explain this decision locally. It became apparent that the Government's position was to gain the local government's approval in an attempt to restart the nuclear reactors before May 5, when all of Japan's nuclear power plants were due to be put out of operation.

We must not hasten the decision of nuclear restart while the response to the Tokyo Electric Power Co. (TEPCO) Fukushima nuclear accident is still inadequate. Furthermore, we can expect that the restart of the reactors at Ohi may lead to further reactivation of other nuclear power plants throughout Japan. As mayors, it is our duty to protect the lives and assets of our citizens, and therefore cannot allow such an action to take place.

An inclusive discussion of the overall nuclear policy is now necessary, as well as avoiding even the slightest risk. Therefore, we support the 7 point recommendation announced by Shiga Prefecture Governor Kada and Kyoto Prefecture Governor Yamada, as well as the "8 articles regarding nuclear reactivation" advocated by the Osaka Prefecture and City headquarters.

We hereby call for the restart of nuclear power plants including Ohi to not be implemented in haste, and for the full formation of consensus by the local government and residents.

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Resolution calling for a Zero Nuclear Energy Policy in the New Basic Energy Plan

In order to fulfill our duties as Mayors to protect the lives and assets of citizens, we are dedicated to creating a safe society through reducing nuclear energy dependency to zero as soon as possible.

After the Great East Japan Earthquake and subsequent nuclear disaster, the Japanese Government is currently newly reevaluating the Basic Energy Plan. It is expected that the new energy policy arising from these considerations will be completed by the summer of 2012. We welcome the reevaluation process and will support its initiatives through encouraging understanding of the process and accumulating achievements on a local level.

It is now necessary for local municipal and national governments to cooperate, implement concrete policies, and bring together wisdom in order to develop a comprehensive zero nuclear energy policy.

Mayors for a Nuclear Power Free Japan declare the following to be our most important demand:
To call on the Japanese Government to conclude a zero nuclear energy policy in the reevaluation process of the new Basic Energy Plan to be set in summer 2012.

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