

This Week's Update – Resuming Nuclear Power Plant Operations – Decision must be made (28th May, 2012)

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Concern of power shortages during summer is feared in Japan, because of the delay in resuming nuclear power plants operation. GEPR welcomes various opinions.

This Week's Column

Dr. Nobuo Ikeda, president of Agora Institute that run GEPR, contributed a column "Government should stop illegal interruption of restart of nuclear plants". The power companies could resume operation of nuclear plants, if Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry approves. Japanese administration, however, does not give approval, because politicians considers public consensus. He calls for stop to this evasions of their responsibilities. (English translation coming soon)

2) Mr. Yoshito Hori, President, GLOBIS University and Managing Partner, GLOBIS Capital Partners, contributes a column "Political Leaders Should Decide Restarts of Nuclear Power Plants". He points out burdens of Japanese economy in stopping nuclear power plants. And business persons fall silent because they consider consumers. He says that political leaders should recognize this situation, not escaping from their responsibility but to decide restart.

This Week's Link

1) British Science Magazine "Nature" reported "[Fukushima's doses tallied - Studies indicate minimal health risks from radiation in the aftermath of Japan's nuclear disaster](#)".

Nature also opened special site "[Japan Earthquake and Nuclear Crisis](#)" and introduces various information.

World Health Organization (WHO) published "[Preliminary dose estimation from the nuclear accident after the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami](#)". It shows radiation situation and influence of nuclear crisis