Challenges and Importance of Discussing Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy

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Lessons and Impact of Fukushima



Statement by the Japan Atomic Energy Commission after the Fukushima accident

"We are gravely concerned about this accident which can fundamentally undermine public trust in safety measures, not only in Japan but also in other countries"

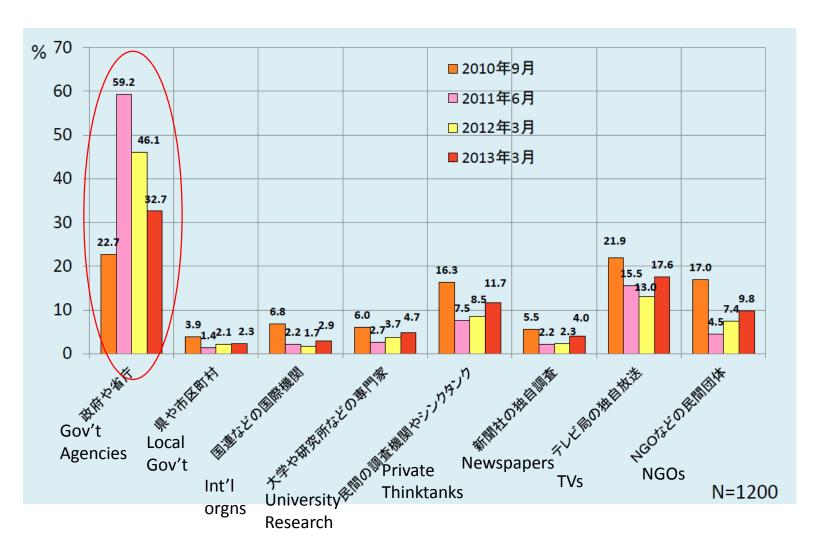
- Japan Atomic Energy Commission, "Statement on Measures Responding to The Tokyo Electric Power Fukushima Daiichi and

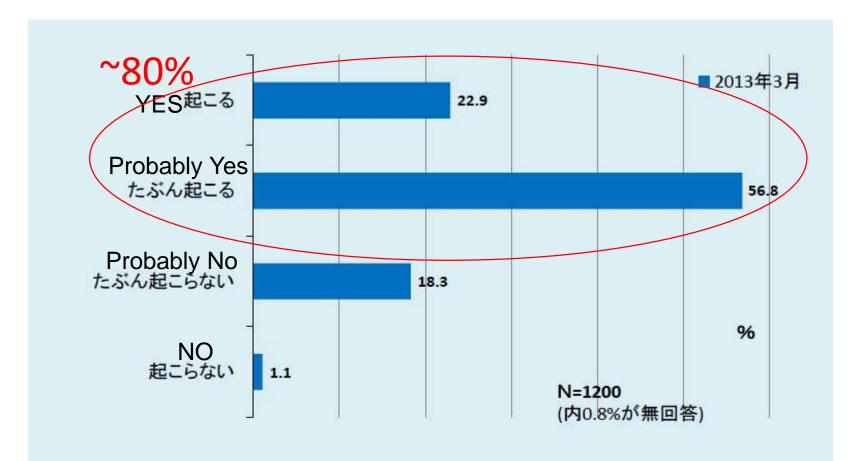
Daini Nuclear Accident Caused by the Great East Japan Earthquake", April 5, 2011.

http://www.aec.go.jp/jicst/NC/about/kettei/seimei/110405_e.pdf

Gov'ts are most untrustworthy

- Which institutions are most untrustworthy?

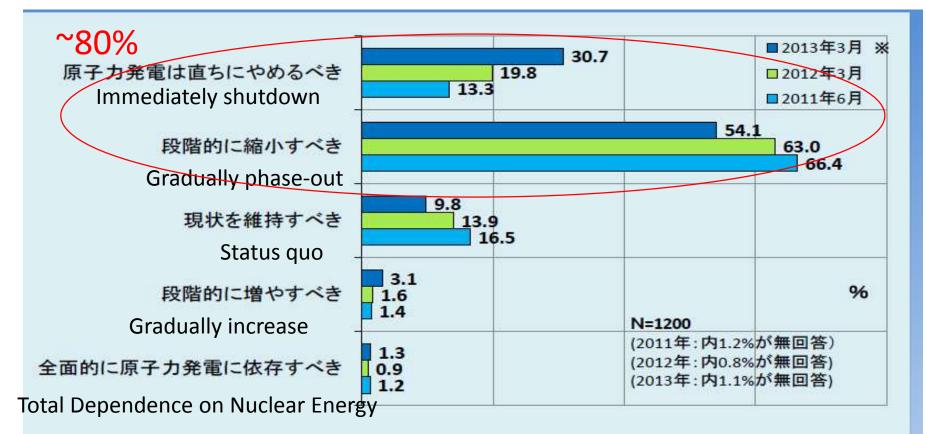




Do you think a similar scale of nuclear accident will happen again?

各地の原発再稼働で 福島第一原発と同程度の事故が起きる可能性

Source: Prof. Hirotada Hirose, "Changes of Public Opinion about Nuclear Power," Presented at Japan Atomic Energy Commission, July 17, 2013



What is your opinion about nuclear power in Japan?

日本の原子力発電はどうあるべきか

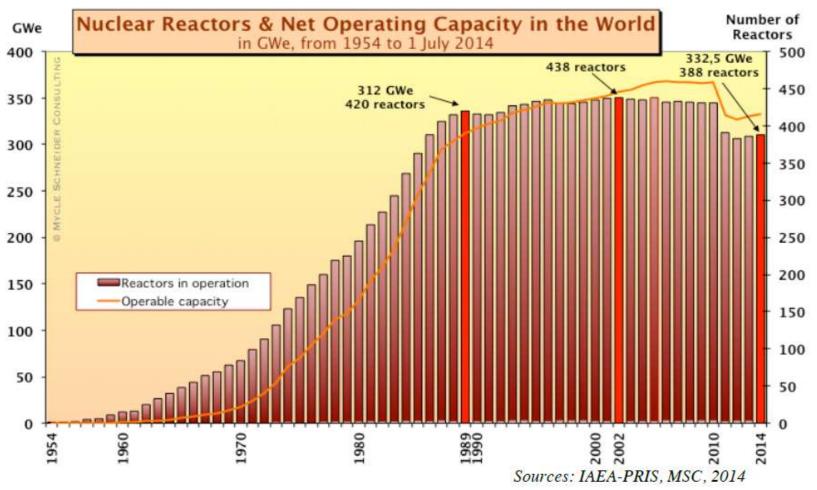
※2013年の調査では、回答項目は「再稼働を認めず、直ちにやめるべき」「再稼働を認めて段階的に縮小すべき」「再稼働を認めて現状を維持すべき」「再稼働を認めて段階的に増やすべき」であった。

Source: Prof. Hirotada Hirose, "Changes of Public Opinion about Nuclear Power," Presented at Japan Atomic Energy Commission, July 17, 2013

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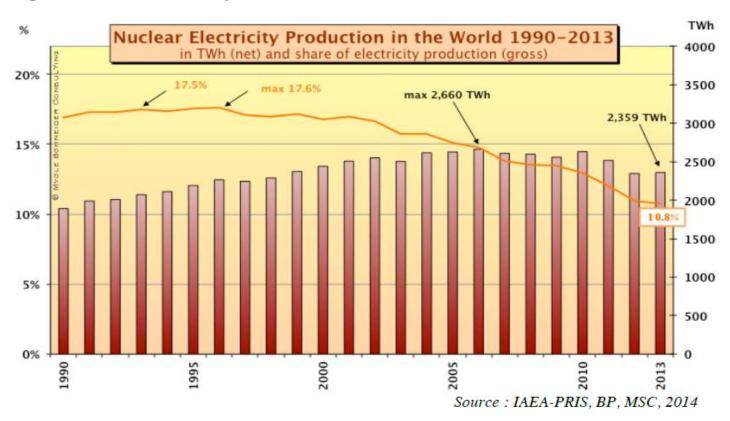
Nuclear power development trends (1954-2014)

Figure 5. World Nuclear Reactor Fleet, 1954-2014



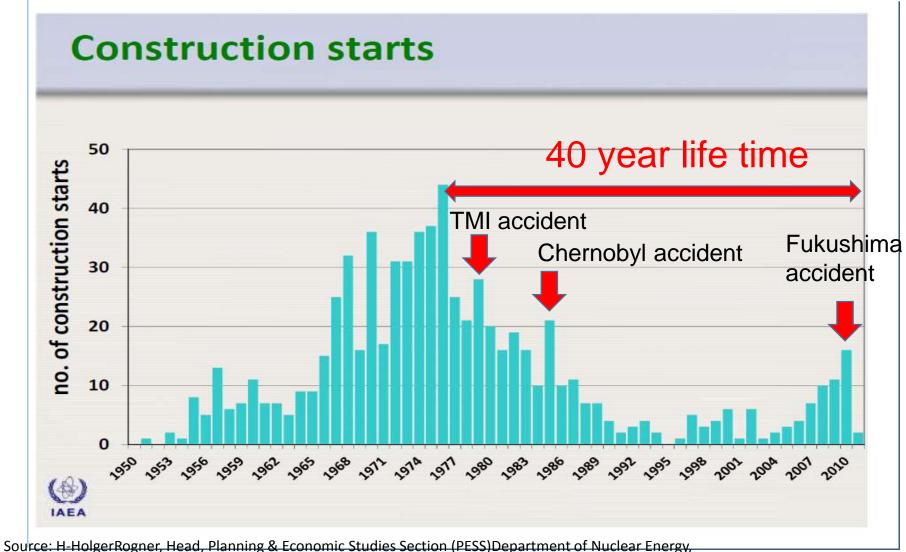
Global nuclear power production and its share are in decline

Figure 1: Nuclear Electricity Generation in the World



Global Nuclear Power Plant Construction (IAEA)

: Replacement of old reactors are coming....



Estimates of Nuclear Electrical Generating Capacity: Comparison of estimates in 2013 and 2011

		Actual	Estimates for 2030		Estimates for 2050		
		in 2011	Estim in 2011	ated in 2013	Estim in 2011	ated in 2013	
World Total Nucl. Capacity (GWe)			111 2011	-13%	111 2011	-21%	
Table Sapacit	Low Estimate High Estimate	368.8	501 746	435 722	560 1228	440 1113	
Share (%)				-3%		-9%	
	Low Estimate High Estimate	7.1	5.2 6.2	4.5 6.2	2.7 6.0	2.2 5.6	
Far East Nucl. Capacity (GWe)				-18%		-14%	
Share (%)	Low Estimate High Estimate	79.8	180 255	147 268	220 450	189 412	
				+5%		-8%	
	Low Estimate High Estimate	5.0	6.4 7.5	5.3 8.1	4.2 8.6	3.7 8.0	

Source: International Atomic Energy Agency, "Energy, Electricity and Nuclear Power Estimates for the Period up to 2050," 2011 Edition http://www-pub.iaea.org/MTCD/Publications/PDF/RDS1 31.pdf

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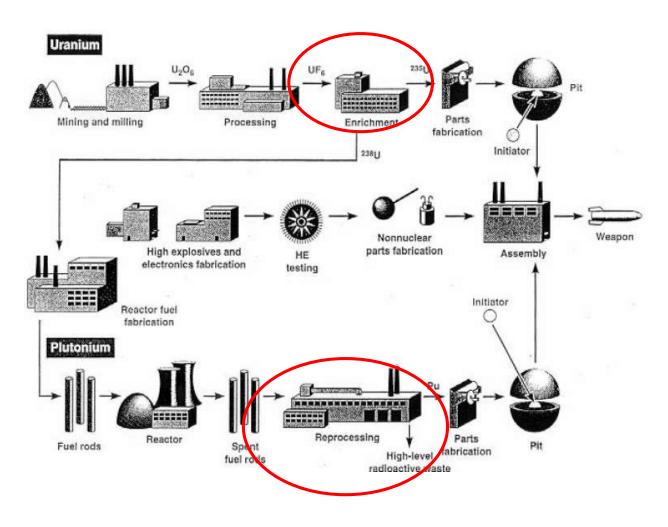
Major Issues remain unresolved

- Competitiveness of nuclear power under liberalized market
- Compensation Scheme for nuclear power accident
- Nuclear waste management (final disposal of High Level Waste)
- Radiological risks and public communication, public participation in decision making process
- R&D and human resource development

Proliferation Risks of Civilian Nuclear Energy



Technological Path to Nuclear Weapon



Source: IAEA, 2006

A small enrichment plant can produce HEU in a short period

Feed	Time	Product	Depleted Tails
150 metric tons natural uranium	1 year	20,000 kg LEU (4%)	0.2% U-235
150 metric tons natural uranium	1 year	654 kg HEU (93%) (26 bombs)	0.31%
150 metric tons natural uranium	40 days	100 kg HEU (93%) (4 bombs)	0.65%
20,000 kg 4% LEU	8 days	100 kg HEU (93%) (4 bombs)	3.55%

A small enrichment plant (which can supply about 1-year demand of LEU for 1 GWe nuclear power plant (130 ton SWU/y) can produce HEU as above in a very short period of time.

Source: International Panel on Fissile Material (IPFM), "Global Fissile Material Report 2006", http://www.fissilematerials.org/ipfm/site_down/ipfmreport06.pdf

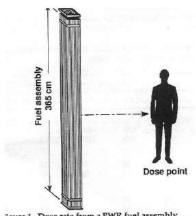
Risk of Separated Pu vs Spent Fuel

Separated plutonium



2.5 kg Pu in light-weight container. Can be processed in a glove box. Four cans enough for Nagasaki bomb.

Spent fuel assembly (1000 pounds and 12 feet long)



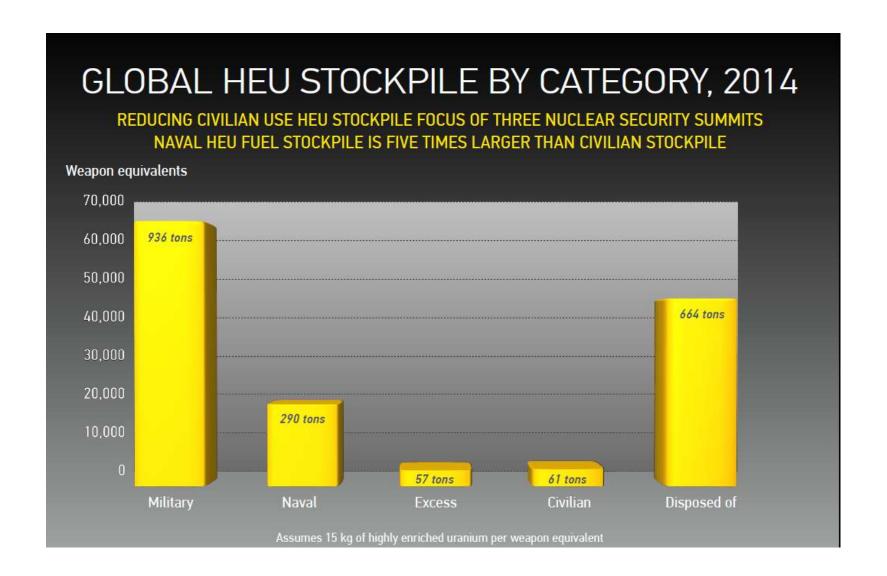
igure 1. Dose rate from a PWR fuel assembly.

5 kg Pu. Lethal gamma dose in 20 minutes 50 years after discharge. Requires 20-ton container to transport & remote handling behind thick walls to recover.

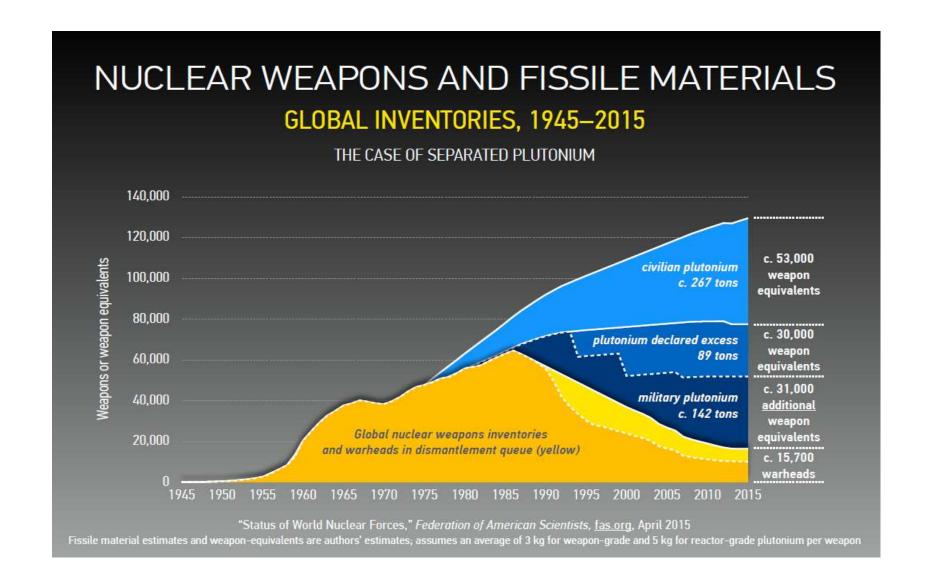
Source: Frank von Hippel, "Management of Spent Fuel in the US: Illogic of Reprocessing," Presentation at Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Non-proliferation Conference, June 2007.



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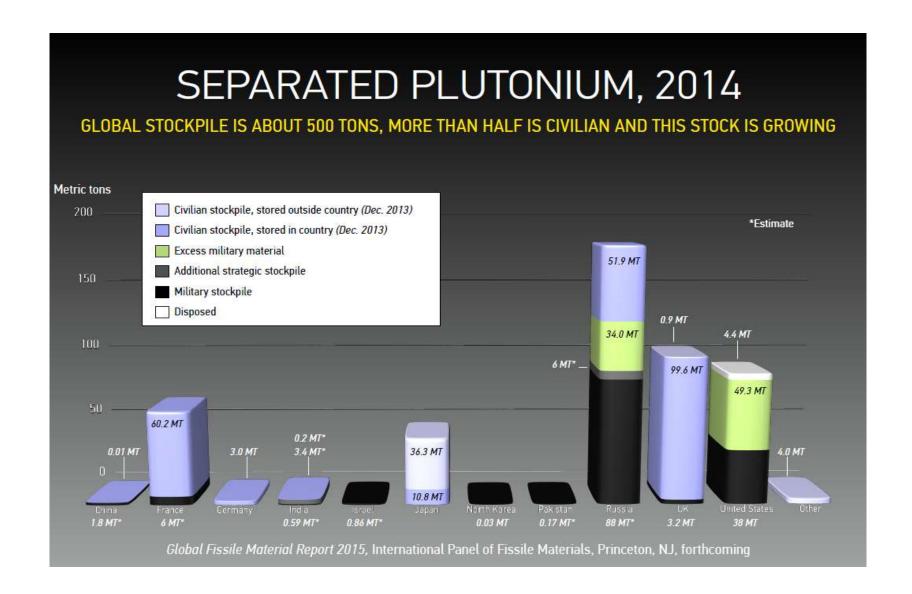


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Debate at NPT and Possible Solutions

- from Main Committee III
- 2. "..reaffirms that nothing in the Treaty shall be interpreted as affecting the inalienable right of all parties to the Treaty to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination... confirms that each country's choices and decisions...shall be respected without jeopardizing its policies...for peaceful uses of nuclear energy and its fuel-cycle policies."
- NPT/CONF.2015/MC.III/CRP.1/Rev.1

http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/images/documents/Disarmament-fora/npt/revcon2015/documents/MCIII-CRP1-Rev1.pdf

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• "63. ..recognizes the importance of international cooperation under the auspices of the IAEA or other regional or international forums to *develop multilateral approaches to the nuclear fuel cycles,....* Such approaches, without restricting State parties' rights under the Treaty without prejudice to national nuclear fuel cycle policies...."

- NPT/CONF.2015/MC.III/CRP.I/Rev.2 May 13, 2015