

Market Alert #7: Japan-U.S. Decommissioning and Remediation Fukushima Recovery Forum Summary

The Japan-U.S. Decommissioning and Remediation Fukushima Recovery Forum successfully took place on February 18-19 in Tokyo, Japan. Scores of networking meetings between Japanese and U.S. firms were arranged as a means to capitalize on the improvements made over the past months by Japanese authorities to clarify both remediation and decommissioning needs, and the framework under which foreign firms could participate. This two day event, organized by the U.S. Department of Commerce and U.S. Department of Energy with Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (METI) and Ministry of Environment (MOE), and hosted by the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and U.S. Embassy in Japan, brought together 51 representatives from 26 U.S. firms and 101 representatives from 46 Japanese firms to discuss potential partnerships to help with Fukushima recovery.

High-level U.S. Government support for the Forum and its objectives was highlighted by remarks by U.S. Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy and a presentation by U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Commissioner George Apostolakis on the U.S. experience in the decommissioning of nuclear power stations.

The Fukushima Recovery Forum included the following presentations by Japanese officials providing updates on the status of the work being done both at the Fukushima Dai-Ichi Nuclear Power Station and the area affected by the accident at the plant on March 11, 2011.

- [**Current status of Fukushima Daiichi NPS**](#)
Hironori Nakanishi, Director General for Energy and Technology Policy, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, METI
- [**Progress on Off-site Cleanup Efforts in Japan**](#)
Masako Ogawa, Director International Cooperation Office for Decontamination of Radioactive Materials, Environmental Management Bureau, MOE
- [**Current Status of Fukushima Dai-ichi NPS and Future Plan**](#)
Masayuki Yamamoto, Group Manager, TEPCO
- [**Organization Outline & Present Activities of International Research Institute for Nuclear Decommissioning \(IRID\)**](#)
Kiyoshi Oikawa, Director, International Research Institute for Nuclear Decommissioning (IRID)

U.S. firms had the opportunity to make presentations on their technologies and services and to network with Japanese firms. Additional presentations were made on U.S. project management technologies and U.S.-Japan cooperation on Fukushima-related projects. For a full schedule of the event and links to other available presentations, use the following links:

[2014 Fukushima Forum Booklet](#)
[Forum Full Two-Day Schedule](#)
[Presentations by U.S. Firms](#)