

**The 2017 TECTRO-AIT Annual JSC Meeting on Civil Nuclear Cooperation**

10:00 am, Tuesday, December 12, 2017

**Welcome Remarks**

Mr. Syh-Tsong Chiou

AEC Deputy Minister and Spokesman

Good morning, Dr. Burkart, Mr. Matthew O'Connor, Ms. Wang, Distinguished Guests, fellow colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Atomic Energy Council, it is my great honor to speak at the beginning of the 2017 Annual Meeting of TECRO/AIT Joint Standing Committee on Civil Nuclear Cooperation. First of all, I would like to extend my most sincere welcome to the AIT delegates taking a long trip to attend this meeting. Among the AIT participants, we are very pleased to see many old friends from DOS, NRC, DOE and its affiliated NNSA and National laboratories. I hope you all will enjoy the sunny weather in southern Taiwan and have a wonderful stay here.

As to the TECRO delegation, we have representatives from CCNAA, Headquarters for TECRO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taiwan Power Company, National Tsing-Hua University, Institute of Nuclear Energy Research, Fuel Cycle and Materials Administration, and AEC Headquarters.

For the annual meeting of this year, there will be ten (10) presentations delivered during the plenary session; some technical presentations will be delivered in the group discussion. I believe there will be active discussion and fruitful exchange in the two-day meeting.

As for the working groups, I am sure that many of you have already known that the government's policy of phasing out nuclear power by 2025 has been stipulated in the Electricity Act amended in January 2017, and Taipower has

begun assessing alternative uses of the two ABWRs at the fourth plant, Lungmen, which have been mothballed since 2015. Therefore, I believe all the participants from both sides will have intense exchange during break-out sections, to review the outcomes having been performed in the past year, and to come up with ideas of relevant cooperative items, particularly decommission regulatory activities, for next year.

On Thursday, my colleagues from AEC will accompany AIT delegates for the technical tour at Lu-Zhu HCPV Demonstration Site, Radiation Monitoring Center and Kaohsiung Harbor. I hope our friends from U.S. will enjoy this trip.

Finally, I would like to thank Dr. Kyler Turner of DOS, Dr. William Chao, of TECRO/Washington DC, and AEC international affairs section, for their hard work to make this meeting possible.

I also wish this two-day meeting very productive and fruitful, and the post-meeting tour very informative and pleasant. And for all friends coming from the US, I wish you a very pleasant and memorable stay in Taiwan. Thank you very much.

-----