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## **Taiwan And Japan Organisations Sign Cooperation Agreement**

**Taiwan's Nuclear Science and Technology Association (NuSTA) and the Japan Nuclear Energy Safety Organisation (JNES) have agreed to share nuclear technology and exchange information on nuclear power plants.**

The agreement, signed in Taiwan on 26th May, is designed to enhance the exchange of safety information related to nuclear power plants, including abnormal occurrences and accident reports, safety analyses and inspections, plus research and development on nuclear technologies. The agreement also provides for the two organisations to hold meetings, exchange experts and offer mutual support for emergency preparedness and response programmes.

It is also expected that civil nuclear cooperation between Taiwan and Japan will be consolidated with the signing of the agreement.

NuSTA, established in 1994, is a non-profit organisation that aims to develop both national and international cooperation on nuclear technologies. The association includes nuclear experts from Taiwan and promotes both civil nuclear applications and industrial investment.

JNES, established in October 2003 [see News No. 297, 23rd October 2003], is an independent administrative body whose duties includes ensuring that Japan's nuclear utilities correctly carry out periodic inspections at their plants and facilities.

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