

The 2013 AIT-TECTRO Annual JSC Meeting on Civil Nuclear Cooperation

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Welcome Remarks

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Good morning, **Dr. Burkart, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Liao** (廖東周副秘書長), Distinguished Guests, fellow colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the organizing committee, hosting organizations, as well as the Atomic Energy Council, It is my great pleasure to speak at the beginning of the 2013 Annual Meeting of TECRO/AIT Joint Standing Committee on Civil Nuclear Cooperation. To start my speak, I would extend my most sincere welcome to the AIT delegates coming from far away to take part in 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, as well as the contractor Dr. Wu 吳全富. More excitingly, I was told that 40% the US delegates are attending the meeting in Taiwan for the first time. I hope you will like Taiwan and enjoy the meeting.

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

This year a very important task for us is the revision of the 40-year old agreement for cooperation between AIT and TECRO concerning peaceful use of nuclear energy. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Alex Burkart and Dr. Kirsten Cutler of DOS, for their hard working on this matter of importance, and for their help to speed up our administrative procedures. We certainly hope this agreement will be smoothly and timely revised.

For the annual meeting of this year, there will be 10 presentations delivered at the opening plenary, and quite a few technical presentations delivered during the breakout sessions. I am sure they'll generate active discussion and fruitful exchange.

As for the working groups, we have had reactor regulation, waste

management, and nuclear technology groups since the first meeting in 1985. Starting last year, we added the fourth working group Emergency Management, which is both timely and instrumental for safety enhancement after the Fukushima accident. I believe all colleagues from both sides will work very hard these two days, to review the results we performed in the past year, and to figure out very creative cooperation plan for the next year.

On Thursday, there will be a whole-day trip to the Tsing Hua University Open Pool Reactor, Hsinchu Science Park and the Synchrotron research center; thanks to the colleagues of the Tsing Hua University for organizing this tour. I would like to encourage you, especially our AIT delegates, to join the tour and to enjoy the scenic views of Hsinchu.

Finally, I would like to thank Dr. Kirsten Cutler 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 2-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.
