

MISSION STATEMENT
THIRD JAPAN-U.S. DECOMMISSIONING AND REMEDIATION
FUKUSHIMA RECOVERY FORUM
Tokyo, Japan February 24-25, 2016

EVENT DESCRIPTION

The U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration (ITA), in partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy, is organizing the third Japan-United States Decommissioning and Remediation Fukushima Recovery Forum ("Fukushima Recovery Forum") on February 24-25, 2016 in Tokyo, Japan. Building on the second Fukushima Recovery Forum held in April 2015, the third Fukushima Recovery Forum aims to continue to develop U.S.-Japanese cooperation on Fukushima recovery efforts, the decommissioning of other Japanese reactors, and the restart of Japan's reactor fleet. The event will be a venue for U.S. firms to hear from Japanese Ministries, utilities, and commissioning entities on the status of Japan's civil nuclear energy program. In addition, the event will be a forum for U.S. and Japanese firms to share experiences, expertise, and lessons learned in remediation and decommissioning, including work underway at Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Station, and in Tohoku, the area affected by the accident at Fukushima. The event also aims to address interest in cooperation in areas related to nuclear power as Japan moves forward with its plan for decommissioning or restarting its nuclear reactors. U.S. firms will also be given an opportunity to network with Japanese firms and identify potential business partners.

ITA is seeking the participation of a maximum of 25 U.S. companies that produce technology or provide services in the decommissioning or remediation sector as well as in areas related to nuclear restarts. Staff from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Global Markets, Industry & Analysis (I&A), and U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service (CS) units will also be available in Tokyo to provide export counseling and civil nuclear trade policy guidance to participating companies.

Support for the Fukushima Recovery Forum was confirmed at meetings of the U.S.-Japan Bilateral Commission on Civil Nuclear Cooperation. The Bilateral Commission serves as a senior-level, forum for consultations on mutual issues of concern to further strengthen bilateral cooperation and advance shared interests in the area of civil nuclear cooperation. The Bilateral Commission is chaired by the Department of Energy and Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (METI). There are five working groups under the Bilateral Commission that coordinate bilateral cooperation in the areas of civil nuclear energy research and development, the decommissioning of the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Station, environmental management, emergency management, nuclear security, and safety and regulatory issues.

The Decommissioning and Environmental Management Working Group (DEMWG) under the Bilateral Commission addresses the long-term consequences of the Fukushima accident, including facility decommissioning, spent fuel storage, decontamination, and remediation of contaminated areas. The Fukushima Recovery Forum is under the auspices of the DEMWG to further industry cooperation in support of Fukushima recovery efforts.

EVENT GOALS

The Fukushima Recovery Forum is an event to bring together U.S. and Japanese private sector firms in the remediation, decommissioning, waste management, and civil nuclear industries to develop relationships and partnerships in the decommissioning and civil nuclear sectors. The Forum is intended to be:

- A venue for U.S. firms to meet key Japanese officials involved in the planning of decommissioning and other work related to Fukushima Recovery, other decommissioning projects, and nuclear restarts.
- A venue where U.S. and Japanese firms can share experiences, expertise, and lessons learned in remediation and decommissioning, including on work already completed at Fukushima Dai-ichi, and in Tohoku.
- A venue where U.S. and Japanese firms can discuss key technical challenges related to Fukushima clean-up, nuclear decommissioning, and reactor restarts.
- A venue to foster collaboration between the U.S. and Japanese private sector to solve other challenges related to remediation, decommissioning, and reactor restarts.
- An opportunity for companies from both the United States and Japan to network, build relationships and identify partners for current projects and potential joint future work.

EVENT SCENARIO

On March 11, 2011, an earthquake and tsunami hit Japan and led to a series of events at the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Station in which several units and their adjacent spent fuel pools experienced beyond-design-basis accidents. The four reactors at the site (Units 1-4) that received the brunt of the damage (of the six reactors at the site) also have integral spent fuel pools containing significant amounts of spent nuclear fuel, which were also damaged by the disaster and the subsequent explosions. In addition, radioactivity was released into the surrounding area, causing thousands of people to be evacuated. Japan faces an unprecedented cleanup and decontamination challenge that will take many years to resolve as it strives to decommission Fukushima Dai-ichi and remediate the surrounding areas.

The U.S. Government, and specifically the U.S. Department of Energy National Laboratories, have been involved in numerous exchanges of scientific and technical information and expertise with the Government of Japan to find solutions to problems created by the accident at Fukushima Dai-ichi related to decommissioning and decontamination. The U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration (ITA), with the support of the U.S. Department of Energy, proposed the Japan-United States Decontamination and Remediation Fukushima Recovery Forum to bring U.S. and Japanese firms together to complement the existing exchanges of information and expertise by providing an opportunity for coordination between the U.S. and Japanese private sectors to find solutions from U.S. firms that would assist Japan with its recovery process. In April 2015, ITA organized the second Japan-U.S. Decommissioning and Remediation Fukushima Recovery Forum in Tokyo. This two day event brought together 27 representatives from 17 U.S. firms and 57 representatives from 20 Japanese firms to discuss potential partnerships to help with Fukushima recovery. The third Forum will also focus on opportunities for US companies related to the restart of Japan's reactor fleet and the decommissioning of reactors beyond the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant.

Participating firms will:

- Receive a briefing on the status of Fukushima Dai-ichi decommissioning and decontamination work from relevant officials from the Japanese Government and industry.
- Participate in panel or breakout discussions focusing on decontamination, remediation, waste management, reactor restarts, and decommissioning of reactors.
- Participate in one-on-one networking sessions with interested Japanese firms;
- Attend a networking reception with senior leaders from Japan's Government and industry hosted by a senior U.S. Government representative from the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo;
- Take advantage of the Commercial Service in Tokyo's business advisory services if there is sufficient interest by participating U.S. firms and mission resources can accommodate such interest.
- There may be an opportunity to participate in an optional tour to the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Plant. This tour would incur additional fees.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

February 24

- Participate in discussions with U.S. and Japanese firms consisting of presentations and dialogues on specific aspects of Fukushima Recovery, including decommissioning, remediation, waste management, and water management.
- Participate in networking opportunities with Japanese firms.
- Attend a networking reception with senior leaders from Japan's Government and industry hosted by a senior U.S. Government representative from the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo.

February 25

- Participate in briefings by Japanese Government officials and other entities on the status of the situation at the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Station and surrounding area.
- Participate in networking activities coordinated by ITA staff.

Event updates related to the Fukushima Recovery Forum can be found at: [\[website to be added\]](#)

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

All parties interested in participating in the Fukushima Recovery Forum must submit an application package for consideration by the U.S. Department of Commerce. All applicants will be evaluated based on their ability to meet certain conditions and best satisfy the selection criteria as outlined below. A maximum of 25 companies will be selected to participate in the Forum from the applicant pool. U.S. companies already doing business in Japan as well as U.S. companies seeking to enter to the Japanese market for the first time may apply. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis in the order they are received.

Fees and Expenses:

After a company has been selected to participate in the Forum, a participation fee is required. The participation fee is \$1,130 for large firms and \$860 for small or medium-sized firms.¹ The fee for each additional company representative is \$600. As space permits, up to four additional representatives can be accommodated per company. Fees will cover the cost for interpreters, a booklet containing information about participating U.S. and Japanese firms, and reception costs.

Exclusions:

The participation fee does not include personal travel expenses such as airfare, lodging, most meals, incidentals, and local ground transportation and personal interpreters used during the networking sessions. Delegation members will be able to take advantage of U.S. Embassy rates for hotel rooms. Business visas may be required. Government fees and processing expenses to obtain visas are also not included in the Fukushima Recovery Forum costs. However, the U.S. Department of Commerce will provide instructions to each participant on the procedures required to obtain necessary business visas.

CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

Applicants must submit a completed mission application signed by a company official, together with supplemental application materials, including adequate information on the company's products and/or services, interest in doing business in Japan, and goals for participation by January 8, 2016. If the U.S. Department of Commerce receives an incomplete application, it may reject the application, request additional information, or take the lack of information into account in its evaluation.

Each applicant must also certify that the products or services it seeks to export through its participation in the Fukushima Recovery Forum are either produced in the United States, or, if not, marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and that the promotion of the products or services the applicant seeks to export would be consistent with ITA's mission to strengthen the international competitiveness of U.S. industry and promote trade.

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- Suitability of the company's (or, in the case of another organization, represented companies' or constituents') products or services to the Japanese decommissioning or remediation sector, including waste management, and products and services related to reactor restarts;
- The company's (or, in the case of another organization, represented companies' or constituents') potential for business in Japan, including likelihood of exports resulting from participation in the Fukushima Recovery Forum;

¹ An SME is defined as a firm with 500 or fewer employees or that otherwise qualifies as a small business under SBA regulations (see <http://www.sba.gov/size>). Parent companies, affiliates, and subsidiaries will be considered when determining business size. The dual pricing reflects the Commercial Service's user fee schedule that became effective May 1, 2008. For additional information, see <http://www.export.gov/newsletter/march2008/initiatives.html>

- The company’s (or, in the case of another organization, represented companies’ or constituents’) ability to identify and engage on policy issues relevant to U.S. competitiveness in the Japanese decontamination or remediation sectors; and
- Consistency of the company’s (or, in the case of another organization, represented companies’ or constituents’) goals and objectives with the scope of the Fukushima Recovery Forum.

Additional factors, such as diversity of organization size, industry subsector, location, and demographics, may also be considered during the review process.

Referrals from political organizations and any documents containing references to partisan political activities (including political contributions) will be removed from an applicant’s submission and not considered during the selection process.

TIMEFRAME FOR RECRUITMENT AND PARTICIPATION

Recruitment for the Fukushima Recovery Forum will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the Federal Register, posting on CS Japan’s website, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity through the ITA network. Recruitment will begin immediately and conclude no later than January 8, 2016. The U.S. Department of Commerce will review applications on a rolling basis once the event is published in the Federal Register.. Applications received **after January 15, 2016** will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

Applications for participation in the Fukushima Recovery Forum are available on line at: <http://export.gov/japan/fukushima/forum/>

DATES

The Fukushima Recovery Forum will take place February 24-25, 2016. Applications are due no later than January 8, 2016.

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