

Panel: Energy Security Or National Security (Regency Room)

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-The role of nuclear power in the relationship
between energy security and national security-

Amid the rapidly changing security environment in the knowledge and information-based society, China's rapid rise and the world's resource diplomacy let us know "energy security" can be connected directly with national security. Given the domestic and international energy conditions such as increasing electricity consumption, Japanese and German denuclearization policy, limits to renewable energy, nuclear power generation is an inevitable choice. Not only for the oil producing countries in the Middle East which are preparing for the post-oil era, but also for South Korea which needs energy resources with high energy density due to high population and rapid economic development, nuclear power is competitive in terms of national energy security. Therefore, I would like to stress that the matter of national security and energy security is the continuation of nuclear power generation and just the matter of nuclear security.

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