

Panel: Building Public Confidence in Nuclear Safety (Grand Ballroom III)

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The history of nuclear energy was written with conflicts between those who were for and against it. Although there were differences in the degree of conflict over time, the opposing side was strengthened after every major NPP accident. Given that social perception toward nuclear energy has been changing with time which in turn has been affecting nuclear policies and nuclear industries, the shock of Fukushima nuclear disaster continues to present day. Then the efforts to rebuild public confidence and to gain trust from the general public and the local community will be an arduous task in reality. To make a realistic approach toward how to win public acceptance on nuclear safety, the following topics will be discussed; major factors influencing public perspective on nuclear energy, key factors and underlying principles for nuclear communication, lessons learned from previous experiences, importance of stakeholder involvement, and how to build trust from the stakeholders.

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