



Economic Research Institute
for ASEAN and East Asia



Symposium on “the Role of Nuclear Energy in Powering Green Transformation (GX) and Local Economic Development”

As part of the “Project to Promote the Stakeholder Involvement in a Nuclear Host Community,” co-hosted by the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) and the Institute of Energy Economics, Japan (IEEJ), we are pleased to announce the upcoming international symposium as outlined below.

As Green Transformation (GX) becomes an important issue, this symposium aims not only to reaffirm the role of nuclear energy but also to incorporate the perspective of regional development in host communities.

Through this event, we seek to share challenges related to securing decarbonized power sources among stakeholders in Japan and other Asian countries, and to make policy recommendations based on these discussions.

We would highly appreciate your participation.

1. Event Overview

1) Date & Time

- Friday, July 11, 2025, 13 : 00 ~ 17 : 30 (Doors open at 12 : 30)

2) Venue

Room “Garnet” on the 36th floor, Shinagawa Prince Hotel Main Tower

- Address: 4 Chome-10-30 Takanawa, Minato-ku, Tokyo 108-0074
- TEL: +81-3-3440-1111
- Location: 2 minutes walking from Shinagawa Station (Takanawa Exit) of Shinkansen/JR Line/Keikyū Line

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3) Language

- English/Japanese (with simultaneous interpretation)

4) Fee

- Free (Pre-registration is required.)

5) Registration

- Please register via the following URL or the QR code:
<https://bit.ly/NuclearSI-2025>
- Alternatively, send your registration by email or fax to the contact below, including:
 - Symposium name: “Nuclear Symposium Tokyo”
 - Recipient: “International Cooperation Group”
 - Organization name, department, title, name, contact information (email and phone)



6) Registration Deadline

- Wednesday, July 9, 2025, 12:00
Note: Registration may close early if capacity is reached.

2. Program Overview *(Subject to change without notice)*

Session 1 Maximizing the Use of Nuclear Energy in Japanese Energy Policy
(13:00-13:40)

Keynote speech: Agency for Natural Resources and Energy *(Speaker TBD)*

Session 2 International Case Studies
(13:40-15:00)

"Revitalizing nuclear-hosting communities through attracting industries or research organizations"

Mr. Harri Valjonen (Finland)
Dr. Eija-Riitta Korhola (Finland)
Prof. Michael Rushton (UK)
Mr. Mark Nicol (USA)

Session 3 Domestic GX and Regional Revitalization
(15:10-16:30)

"Enabling Digital Infrastructure with Carbon-Free Energy"
Mr. Patrick Leonard and Mr. Benoit Dubeau, Amazon Web Services

"Policies for GX industrial siting"
Mr. Masahiro Chikushi, Electricity and Gas Industry Department, ANRE

"Discussions in the economic association on energy issues"
Ms. Mitsue Kurihara, Japan Association of Corporate Executives

Panel Discussion (16:30-17:15)
Japan's GX and nuclear energy from an international perspective

Moderator: Mr. Junichi Ogasawara, IEEJ

Panelists: four speakers from the US and Europe

Wrap-up and Proposals (17:15-17:30)

3. Speaker Profiles (International)

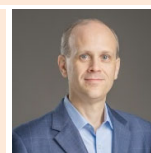


Dr. Eija-Riitta Korhola (Finland)

Member of the Helsinki City Council, and member of the EESC Consultative Commission on Industrial Change. Once skeptical of nuclear power, she now supports it from climate and resource perspectives.

Mr. Marc Nichol (US)

Executive Director of New Nuclear at the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI). Has worked in various technical areas. Leading industry efforts to improve policy, regulation, and business environments since 2011.



Prof. Michael Rushton (UK)

Professor at the Nuclear Futures Institute, Bangor University, and Director at Menai Science Park. Specializes in atomic-scale simulation of nuclear materials and is involved in nuclear human resources development in Wales.

Mr. Harri Varjonen (Finland)

Executive Director of FinNuclear Association. Former engineer at TVO and IAEA. Since 2023, leading efforts to strengthen international collaboration and provide policy recommendations to the Finnish government.



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