

Tallinn, Estonia Seminar

JICC, in cooperation with Fermina Energia of Estonia, organized two-day on-site seminar in Tallinn, Estonia, on 18th and 19th May, 2022.

【Background/Objectives】 ;

Estonia sees nuclear power as an option to achieve the European Union's goal of achieving virtually zero carbon emissions (carbon neutrality) by 2050 and to break away from its dependence on Russia for energy security. In April 2021, Nuclear Energy Working Group (NEWG) consisting of members from across government ministries and agencies was established to study the feasibility of introducing small modular reactors (SMRs) to Estonia with several foreign companies currently developing such reactors.

In this environment, we held a local seminar in Tallinn, Estonia to introduce Japan's knowledge in nuclear power generation as an advanced nuclear power country, and to increase Estonians' understanding of nuclear power generation.

【Results】 ;

- ① After opening remarks by Mr. Meelis Munt, Director General of the Estonian Ministry of Environment (Chairman of the Estonian NEWG) and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Matsumura, Embassy of Japan in Estonia, lectures were given on Estonian/Japanese energy policy, current status and findings of the Fukushima Daiichi accident, nuclear safety, nuclear security, and benefits of nuclear power, as well as a panel discussion on public support for nuclear power.
- ② The seminar was attended by about 75 people, with interest in the introduction of nuclear power growing due to the breakaway from energy dependence on Russia and the soaring energy prices caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
- ③ The high level of interest in nuclear power generation in Estonia and the challenges (treatment of spent fuel and radioactive waste) became clear.

→The visit to the radioactive waste treatment facility is scheduled on the occasion of invitation to Japan.



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