

# Nuclear Disarmament and Non-proliferation

Being the only country that has suffered from atomic bombings during wartime, Japan will exercise its leadership toward achieving the goal of a world without nuclear weapons, by proposing realistic measures and ensuring their steady implementation.

1. In order to ensure the success of the 2010 NPT Review Conference in May (i.e. revitalization of the NPT regime), Japan actively contributed to achieve forward looking agreement through the following initiatives.
  - (1) Japan took a strong initiative at the G8 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in March to issue a firm message that reflected active efforts by the G8 toward the 2010 NPT Review Conference.
  - (2) After the release of the Joint Statement on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation by Foreign Ministers of Japan and Australia in February, two countries jointly submitted a working paper on practical nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation measures to the 2010 NPT Review Conference. Japan's four working papers, including this Japan-Australia joint initiative, provided a good basis for discussions in forming an agreement at the Conference. At the final stage of the Conference, when it was on the verge of breaking down, Foreign Minister Okada issued the Urgent Call for the unity of the state parties to the NPT together with ministers of five countries for achieving an agreement at the Conference.
2. It is essentially important to intensify efforts to keep current momentum towards realization of a world without nuclear weapons. Japan will lead such efforts of the international community together with partner countries through the following measures.
  - (1) Japan will contribute to ensuring steady implementation of the Action Plan agreed by the 2010 NPT Review Conference. Japan will lead high-level discussions to realize a world of decreased nuclear risk on the way to a world without nuclear weapons.
  - (2) Japan will lead international efforts to promote disarmament and non-proliferation education by March 2011.
  - (3) Japan will redouble its efforts for nuclear non-proliferation to prevent the reemergence of states possessing nuclear weapons (e.g. resolution of nuclear issues of North Korea and Iran, universalization of the Additional Protocol of the IAEA, enhancement of nuclear security, and strengthening of the IAEA).