

# *Message from the President*

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We sincerely thank you for your understanding and continued support of our research and development (R&D) activities. This publication has been issued annually since the foundation of the Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA), with the intention of informing you of the agency's day-to-day achievements.

JAEA is the sole comprehensive R&D institute dedicated to nuclear energy in Japan, and our mission is to contribute to the welfare and prosperity of human society through nuclear science and technology. In accordance with our 3rd medium- and long-term goals set in April 2015, JAEA has focused on issues such as the response to the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station of Tokyo Electric Power Company, Incorporated which is our highest priority, research for safety improvement in the field of nuclear energy, R&D toward the establishment of nuclear fuel cycle technology, and the development of technology for the treatment and disposal of radioactive waste. In addition, to support these R&D and create new technologies, we have implemented basic nuclear science and engineering research and human resources development.

In particular, restarting the operation of the "Monju" fast breeder reactor is the urgent task. We will devote the utmost effort.

In carrying forward our R&D activities, we will continue the steady reform of JAEA and make an effort to foster a culture of safety. We will fulfill our responsibilities as a R&D institution by creating excellent outcomes, whilst remaining aware of our mission as mandated by society.

We are pleased that you will gain further understanding of JAEA's accomplishments through this publication, and we expect your continued encouragement and guidance in our R&D activities.