

## **Participation in the FIRST Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Workshop on Advancing the Safe and Secure Deployment of SMRs**

### **<Background/Objectives>**

The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) supports the Foundational Infrastructure for Responsible Use of Small Modular Reactor Technology (FIRST) program. Led by the U.S. Department of State, FIRST harnesses the power of the nuclear industry to expedite responsible nuclear reactor deployment worldwide. As part of this effort, the U.S. Department of State organized a workshop in early June 2025 in El Salvador.

### **<Details>**

At the request of the Association for Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS), JICC cooperated with the FIRST program by giving lectures on “Stakeholder Engagement in Civil Nuclear Programs in Japan” and “Japan’s practice of regulating commercial reactors”. Also, a lecture on “Nuclear Policy in Japan “ was given by an official of METI.

### **<Results>**

Having 58 participants from 10 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, the program contributed to promote understanding of the safe and secure introduction of SMRs and forming of an international network. The participants showed great interest in the lectures provided by Japan. In addition, JICC was able to foster closer ties with nuclear energy professionals from these countries.



Group photo at the Opening Ceremony, with a total of 94 participants including Mr. Ryan Taugher, Deputy Assistant Secretary at the U.S. Department of State



Opening remarks given to conference participants