

Invitation of 3 Central and Eastern European Countries (Bulgaria, Romania and Slovakia)

JICC invited nuclear officials from three Central and Eastern European countries, Bulgaria, Romania and Slovakia, to Japan for the period from December 1 to 5, 2025.

<Background/Objectives >

Three Central and Eastern European countries, Bulgaria, Romania, and Slovakia, are promoting nuclear power generation. Given their respective energy challenges, they are seeking to adopt new nuclear power plants designed in Western nations. JICC invited nuclear industry representatives from these three countries to Japan to facilitate their understanding of the current state of Japan's nuclear power generation sector and the latest trends in the nuclear industry.

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A total of seven individuals were invited to Japan: from Bulgaria, Kozloduy NPP - New Build, a state-owned company planning the construction of a new nuclear power plant; from Romania, the Center of Technology and Engineering for Nuclear Projects (CITON); and from Slovakia, the Nuclear Regulatory Authority. The group visited the Fukushima Daiichi site and the Hamaoka Nuclear Power Plant, as well as nuclear-related companies, including Hitachi GE Vernova Nuclear Energy's Rinkai Factory, IHI's Yokohama Works, and Toshiba Keihin Plant.

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The invitees commented that they had gained a deeper understanding of nuclear safety by learning from the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant and the new regulatory standards that have been implemented at nuclear power plants. Furthermore, through meetings with nuclear-related companies and visits to manufacturing sites, they gained an understanding of the current state of Japan's nuclear manufacturing industry, including its manufacturing technology and capabilities as well as its efforts to maintain and improve quality.



In front of the model inside the Hamaoka
Nuclear Power Plant Museum
(Source: Chubu Electric Power CO., Inc.)



Visit to IHI Yokohama Works
(Source: IHI)