

**Statement by Kengo Sakurada, Chairman of Keizai Doyukai
on Literature Survey to Select Final Disposal Site for Nuclear Waste**

1. Two municipalities in the northernmost Japanese prefecture of Hokkaido responded to the government-led literature survey, which selects a final disposal site for high-level radioactive waste. Suttsu Town has applied for the survey, and Kamoenai Village has accepted the government's survey request. We respect their decisions, which we deem are important in taking a step toward resolving the issue to be settled by the current generation, rather than leaving the efforts with the future generations.
2. We request the government to present the survey details including scientific data to be collected for analysis, safety measures to be taken, and a vision of regional development, in an easy-to-understand manner. In addition, the government is requested to make its utmost efforts to dispel anxieties of the local residents, by continuing elaborate explanation and having a lot of dialogue with them.

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