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# The Mayors for a Nuclear Power Free Japan network

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# About us

▶ launched on April 28, 2012.

▶ 103 members      Incumbent      32

▶                      ex-mayors      71

# 3 activities

- ▶ **1. requests to the government**
- ▶ **2. Seminar**
- ▶ **3. research**
- ▶ **on rarities of evacuation plans**

Overall Japanese situation  
before the Fukushima disaster.

- ▶ 54 nuclear reactors in japan
- ▶ 56 in France

# After the Fukushima disaster

- ▶ the decommissioning of **21** reactors has been decided
- ▶ **9** out of the remaining 33 reactors have been restarted
- ▶ As of today only **4** in operation

## Policy ? NO!

- ▶ in September 2012 the then Democratic Party government approved an energy strategy that aimed to achieve "zero nuclear power plant operations in the 2030s."

## Policy ? NO!

- ▶ However, the Democratic Party was defeated in the general election 3 months later.
- ▶ the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) returned to power in Dec.2012.
- ▶ Under the LDP, a Basic Energy Plan positioning nuclear power as an "important base load power source" was formulated in April 2014.

## 3 factors to stop nuclear plant

- ▶ 1. the new Nuclear Regulation Authority in 2012 and its stricter regulatory standards
- ▶ 2. lawsuits seeking to stop nuclear plant operations
- ▶ 3. the local municipality: Nuclear power plants cannot be restarted without the consent of the local municipality that host nuclear power plants.



## Japan at a crossroads now

1. the new LDP administration announced a pledge to achieve a carbon-neutral society by 2050.
2. new Basic Energy Plan in this summer
3. the general election until Oct.