

Japan hails U.S. initiative to expand nuclear energy worldwide+

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(Japan Economic Newswire Via Thomson Dialog NewsEdge) TOKYO, Feb. 7_(Kyodo) _ Japan on Tuesday hailed a new U.S. initiative to promote nuclear energy worldwide, saying it is aimed both at allowing global development of nuclear power generation and ensuring nuclear nonproliferation.

The government said in a statement that it will consider how it can contribute to the program, called the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership.

The U.S. Department of Energy announced Monday it would request \$250 million from Congress to launch an international effort aimed at safely providing nuclear fuel to developing nations and advancing technologies for recycling and protecting nuclear fuel and waste.

The strategy includes building a new generation of nuclear power plants in the United States and developing a fuel service program that would provide nuclear fuel to industrializing nations in return for their commitment to forgo enrichment and reprocessing activities, according to a press release.