



Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan



2019 International Transportation Security Symposium

12 -14 November 2019, Tokyo, Japan

General Information

Background

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan will be hosting the inaugural International Transportation Security Symposium (ITSS) in cooperation with Japan Atomic Energy Agency, with support from the United States Department of Energy, in Tokyo from 12-14 November 2019. The complexities of the supply chain for nuclear and radioactive materials present unique threats to the security of these materials around the world. The intent of this symposium is to focus on these threats and engaging the international community to minimize the risks against such threats and strengthen the security regimes for these materials in transport.

Transportation security is a vital aspect of the security of nuclear and radioactive materials worldwide. Nuclear material is most vulnerable while in transit and therefore additional measures are required to mitigate against these risks. Transport is further complicated by transfers between different modes of transport, cross-country transit, and in-transit storage requirements.

Furthermore, in 2016, recognizing the international community's need to address transportation security, Japan sponsored Information Circular 909 (INFCIRC/909) – Joint Statement on Transport Security of Nuclear Materials, which now has 17 countries as subscribers. This joint statement seeks to encourage further exchanges of national practices with other countries through the IAEA, the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT) and other international frameworks. The ITSS creates a forum for discussions and actions on this important topic as well as sharing best practices within the international community.

Objectives

The symposium will provide a forum to:

- 1) Raise awareness of the threats to nuclear and radiological material and transit and engage the international community to seek solutions to counter these threats
- 2) Exchange information on best practices and lessons learned when developing and implementing transportation security programs at the national and facility levels
- 3) Foster a common understanding that key elements of effective transportation security are similar for both nuclear and radiological facilities, recognizing that the implementation of respective practical measures may be different
- 4) Promote implementation of transportation security measures
- 5) Showcase commitments made per INFCIRC/909 and encourage future endorsements of INFCIRC 909

Structure and Themes

The three-day, working-level event for approximately 120 participants will include plenary, roundtable, panel, and interactive sessions to encourage exchanging of ideas, exploring novel

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perspectives, and showcasing of key commitments to transportation security. Scenario-based interactive discussions will focus on global risks and local action as well as interagency cooperation and coordination throughout the transportation process.

Consistent with the objectives described above, the key themes of the symposium include:

- IAEA Transport Security Implementation Program
- Gaining International Cooperation and Practical Experience in Capacity Building and Assistance
- Challenges in Strengthening Transport Security
- Engaging Industry and other non-State Stakeholders in transport security
- Use of Regional Approaches to Strengthen Transport Security
- Transport Security, why it is important to the International community?
- Threat Issues that impact a Transport Security Regime
- Laws and Regulatory Framework
- Physical Protection Systems
- Response Actions
- Insider Threats
- Sustainment through Training and Exercises

Target Audience

The symposium is aimed at the working-level (director-level and below) from:

- Representatives from ministries, agencies and intergovernmental institutions that have jurisdiction over nuclear or radiological facilities and/or provide security assistance
- Industry partners and academics looking at transportation security
- Nuclear or radiological facility staff responsible for material security (management, users/operators, radiological safety/security officers)
- Law enforcement

Venue

The venue of the ITSS is nearby the Tokyo station, which will be confirmed in October and will be informed to accepted participants in due course.

Nominations

Approved Invitees will receive an email confirmation containing instructions in more details. Travel support for this Symposium is available on a limited basis, and will be determined based on funding availability and need. Instructions on applying for such support will be provided to approved invitees. The Symposium will be conducted only in English.

Kindly consider limiting the delegation to two representatives at this time to allow the organizers to accommodate a broad range of representation from the international community.

