

Joint Press Release

TWELFTH ITER NEGOTIATION MEETING

Jeju, Korea, 6th December 2005

Delegations from China, European Union, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and the United States of America gathered on Jeju Island, Korea, on 6th December 2005, to complete their negotiations on an Agreement on the joint implementation of the ITER international fusion energy project.

This was the first time for Korea to host a Meeting of the ITER Negotiators.

At the start of the Meeting, the Delegations unanimously and enthusiastically welcomed India as a full Party to the ITER venture. A Delegation from India then joined the Meeting and participated fully in the discussions that followed. With this exciting new development, over half of the world's population is now represented in this global endeavour.

The seven ITER Delegations also welcomed to the Meeting the newly designated Nominee Director-General for the prospective ITER Organisation, Ambassador Kaname IKEDA, who is to take up his duties as leader of the project.

Based on the results of intensive working level meetings held throughout the previous week, the Delegations have succeeded in clearing the remaining key issues such as decision-making, intellectual property and management within the prospective ITER Organisation and adjustments to the sharing of resources as a result of India's participation, including in particular cost sharing and in-kind contributions.

With this achievement, the Delegations are pleased to declare that their work is finished, opening the way towards concluding the negotiations at political level.