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National efforts urged to win ITER location in Japan

Japan Business Federation Chairman Hiroshi Okuda called Thursday for national efforts to bring the planned International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor to Aomori Prefecture.

"The Japanese business community should be united with the government to locate the experimental reactor in Aomori Prefecture," Okuda said at a news conference in Aomori.

Okuda visited a candidate site for the experimental reactor in Rokkasho on Wednesday. Rokkasho houses an assortment of nuclear facilities, including a nuclear fuel reprocessing plant.

Japan is competing with the European Union to host the reactor. The European Union has proposed the location at Cadarache in France. A final decision on the location is expected in December.

Okuda, also chairman of Toyota Motor Corp., said he supports Japan's nuclear energy policy. "All possible energy options should be ready and nuclear energy is the most suitable at present," he said.

Japan has been cooperating with the European Union, the United States, Russia, China and South Korea in the thermonuclear project to create the world's first sustained nuclear fusion reaction, similar to the energy-producing process that takes place in the sun.

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