

Early German-Japanese Exchange on the Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy (1956-1972)

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Originally motivated by the apparent parallels in their respective national situations, Japan and Germany began taking steps towards promoting mutual cooperation from the earliest stages of their respective programs for the peaceful use of nuclear energy. The different exchange activities started ranged from informal consultations and requests for information, extended research and training terms for scientists to formal technology transfer in selected areas.

This talk will attempt to outline the development of these bilateral activities, to analyze the changing motives driving them and to point out promoting and constraining factors within the larger framework of nuclear energy policy.