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Hitachi is strengthening collaboration with Kaunas University of Technology

Tokyo, May 15, 2014 --- Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE:6501) and Tokyo Institute of Technology (TIT) started 2 days the 2nd Nuclear Engineering Intensive Course with Kaunas University of Technology (KTU) at assisting with human resource development for the nuclear industry in the Republic of Lithuania.

In the 2nd Nuclear Engineering Intensive Course have been registered more than 260 participants. Majority of participants are students of Physics Department and Department of Thermal and Nuclear Energy of KTU. However the course has also attracted not only students of energy and physics sciences from other Lithuania universities but also students and professors from the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics of Daugavpils University of Latvia as well as specialists of Visaginas Nuclear Power Plant, Ignalina Nuclear Power Plant, State Research Institute Centre of Physics and Technology, Radio waste treatment agency RATA and others.

Organization of 2nd Nuclear Engineering Intensive Course is the result of continuing cooperation of Lithuania and Japan universities and Hitachi company. The 1st part of the course which was held in October 14th-18th, 2013 attracted more than 200 of participants and has far exceeded initial expectations of the organizers.

Main aim of the course is to provide active assistance for the development of skilled engineers which will be needed for Baltic States in the future.

The three partners have also discussed another form of cooperation. This year, KTU students will visit Japan to take consultations by the TIT professors, join field works in Fukushima Prefecture, and visit nuclear power station.

About Tokyo Institute of Technology

TIT had started its education and research on peaceful uses of nuclear energy in 1956. Since then, for more than a half century, TIT has been educated a large number of Japanese and international students who are now playing key roles in various nuclear energy fields in academia, industries, and government sectors in their home countries.

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Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi-GE Nuclear Energy, Ltd. have previously established "the Global Nuclear Human Resource Development (Hitachi-GE Nuclear Energy) sponsored course" in the Department of Nuclear Engineering, Graduate School of Science and Engineering, Tokyo Institute of Technology. This course has fostered human resources in the international nuclear industry, primarily in Asia (Vietnam and Malaysia), through measures such as the internship arrangement at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for nuclear engineering students at Tokyo Institute of Technology.

The new course in Lithuania will be the first under this program to be held in Europe. It is intended to provide active assistance for the development of the skilled engineers that Baltic States will need in the future.