
KAZAKH URANIUM FOR ASIA: JAPAN RETURNS FOR FUEL, SOUTH KOREA EXPANDS COOPERATION

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Kazakhstan accounts for around 40% of global uranium production. China already receives not only raw material from the country but also finished fuel assemblies; Japan is signing new contracts after bringing some of its reactors back online; and South Korea is expanding cooperation with Kazakhstans nuclear industry. Kazakhstan itself, which for decades exported almost all of its uranium, is preparing to build its own nuclear power plants. These developments are gradually changing the countrys place in Asias nuclear energy sector.

In December 2025, Kazatomprom, the worlds largest producer of natural uranium, agreed on new supplies with Kansai Electric Power, one of Japans major nuclear power operators. The agreement for the supply of uranium oxide concentrate, U UO_2 was signed during events connected with a visit by a Kazakh delegation to Japan.

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