

**Resolved that ;  
Japan should abolish atomic power plants at once.**

### **Abstract**

One of the most controversial issues in Japan today is whether we should keep using atomic power even after Japan suffered a serious accident in 2011. By adopting the style of an academic debate, we are going to discuss and check the following points.

- 1) Whether or not there is urgent necessity to abolish atomic power plants at once.
- 2) Whether or not after doing away with those plants, can we really secure the necessary amount of energy for our prosperity by saving energy and by shifting to alternative energy source

### **1. Aims and Objectives**

The aims of this research are to increase students' knowledge about the topic, to cultivate their ability to think logically and to come up with an effective and persuasive way of presentation.

### **2. Methods**

In order to acquire necessary abilities for this activity and fulfill the aims and objectives above, we took the following steps.

- 1) listening comprehension by using CNN broadcasting and TOEIC tests
- 2) pretending to be a news anchor and reading up real broadcasting news drafts
- 3) recitation of famous speeches by historical figures or public information in scenic places
- 4) brain-storming session for the debate topic
- 5) preparation for the coming debating match
- 6) considering the strategy in the cross-examination session
- 7) sham-debate

### **3. Accomplishments**

Thanks to students' active participation in each activity and with the help of our ALT, though they sometimes had difficulty performing well and were frustrated, they successfully moved on to the advanced level of activities. According to the questionnaire at the end of this course, through these experiences they got something precious ---- logical way of thinking, formal and effective writing styles, persuasive delivery and relaxes way of listening.

### **4. References**

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