

Welcome address by the Chairman
of the NERS 2025 Conference on June, 19th, 2025

Ladies and gentlemen, dear colleagues,

It is my honor to welcome you on the 17th International Conference NERS 2025, the traditional event strongly dedicated to reinforcing of nuclear energy in the Czech Republic.

Last year our Conference has welcomed the governmental decision on the preferred bidder for two new units in Dukovany and an option for two additional units in Temelín.

This year we can enjoy hoped-for and expected follow-up: after some unexpected legal delay the Dukovany Contract with KHNP has been signed. It should mean practical take off for fundamental energy project, which could bring substantial solutions to many urgent questions, connected with needed power resources for Czech industry in the future. Project will define Czech energy perspective for decades.

Program of our Conference reflects key factors of current phase of Dukovany Project. At the beginning we will have inside commentary from both Korean and Czech side of the Contract. Then we prepare a specialized roundtable of the political leaders from the Czech Parliament, focused on the role of the state in securing energy needs of the country.

In the further panel the group of energy and academic experts will discuss training background of personnel, including appropriate education including international cooperation, induced regional development and

infrastructural projects and need to analyze all arising socioeconomic aspects.

As it has been said, the starting phase of the Dukovany Project is the focus of this year's conference of NERS. And challenge to all partners seriously participate in the project is the main message that this year's NERS conference is sending to our public.

Dear colleagues, this conference could not have taken place without the material support of a number of major companies and corporations. The logos on our banners and roll-ups identify them. I would like to thank them very much for their interest in our nuclear future, which they show not only through their own activities, but also through their helpfulness and support of our conference. They are: the main partner – Korean Hydro & Nuclear Power, and VUJE, ČEZ and HOCHTIEF as partners. Thanks also to all of you who accepted to participate in NERS 2025.

I hope that you will find everything we have prepared for today's conference interesting and helpful in your future work.



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