

TWO MINUTES SPEECH PRACTICE
上級英語スピーチ英作文演習

<解答例①>

Make a short essay on the topic below in about 200 words, or a little over the target. Then deliver a speech in accordance with your essay, followed by related questions to answer.

Topic : The most ideal energy source for the future

Model Essay :

As is well known, there are three major energy sources — hydroelectric, thermal and nuclear power, followed by recently emerged environmentally friendly sources that include solar, wind and wave power. Which of them can be the most reliable energy source for the future of the humanity as well as for the mother Earth? In order to define this, I think there must be three vital perspectives — safety, purity and economy. Taking these into consideration, I would like to advocate “nuclear power” as a prime candidate.

Check on hydroelectric power generation first of all. It surely is clean, but the dams for it bring about huge environmental destructions, expelling vast numbers of villagers out of their homes. How about thermal power? I think it is needless to say that it is a main[prime] culprit emitting carbon dioxide — that infamous greenhouse gas. Then, in the first place, what would you say to its materials: coal and oil? Clearly, coal mining has claimed a great number of mineworkers' lives, while oil wells across the world have relentlessly produced political and economic disputes for centuries.

Compared to this, nuclear power could be by far the most feasible next-generation energy source. It's cleaner than fossil fuels, and safer than them in terms of the number of casualties of the industries. What's more, it's even economically viable, well surpassing its competitors such as solar and wind energy. In addition, its source, uranium, is endlessly recyclable meaning drainless[inexhaustible].

Thus, I would say that the most ideal energy for the future should come from nuclear power, as long as we can keep evil-minded dictators, for example, from their use of nuclear weapons that can be made by misusing the nuclear technology.

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