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## **JAPAN EYEING EXPANSION OF NUCLEAR POWER OUTPUT TO MEET GROWING ENERGY NEEDS**

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*Japan must make the most of its existing nuclear power plants and enhance their output efficiencies, given burgeoning energy demands, said the governments annual energy report on June 13.*

The 133-page Energy White Paper 2025 noted how data centres and semiconductor factories are vital to the worlds fourth-largest economy, adding that it is crucial to prevent investment opportunities from being lost due to an inability to secure enough decarbonised power sources.

The papers comment on nuclear energy comes half a year after Japan had, in its seventh Strategic Energy Plan, scrapped wording that it would minimise reliance on the source.

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