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IAEA to propose multilateral efforts to retire Fukushima nuclear reactors

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The International Atomic Energy Agency is planning to propose an international undertaking to decommission reactors at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, a challenge that will need to be tackled in full swing in the years to come.

IAEA Director General Yukiya Amano told Kyodo News on Thursday, "Safe decommissioning (of the accident-hit nuclear reactors) should be undertaken not just by Japan but should draw on wisdom and the most advanced technologies from around the world."

The U.N. nuclear watchdog is planning to send an international team of experts to Japan in April to put forward the proposal for retiring the reactors.

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