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CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY ISSUES were top of the agenda as young nuclear professionals from 36 countries took part in a unique Summer Institute in Ottawa.

The World Nuclear University's six-week Summer Institute drew 99 young people from across the globe working in nuclear together to talk about the role they play in addressing global energy and climate change challenges.

The group also focussed on growing energy demand, continuing the effort that began in December 1953 with U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower's famous 'Atoms-for-Peace' speech to the United Nations.

Working predominately from the University of Ottawa, the Institute Fellows received insight from leaders in the nuclear field and other industries including US Nuclear Regulatory Commission chairman Dr. Dale Klein and Greenpeace founder Dr. Patrick Moore.

The Fellows formed working groups and presented their own views and experiences gained from the experts presenting at the high-level event. The program also included technical tours of nuclear facilities in Ontario such as the Ontario Power Generation Darlington Nuclear Generation Station and Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd's Chalk River Laboratory, giving the Fellows a unique insight into Canada's long-standing role in the peaceful use of nuclear technology.

Expressing a commitment to work together to continue sustainable development of nuclear technology, the Fellows banded together to create a resolution outlining the key facts and challenges facing the industry, as well as a pledge to continue the spirit of international co-operation developed over the last six weeks.

ABOUT THE WORLD NUCLEAR UNIVERSITY

The World Nuclear University, inaugurated in 2003 in London, England, is a non-profit global partnership committed to the improvement of education and leadership in the peaceful applications of nuclear science and technology. Its six-week Summer Institute aims to offer outstanding young nuclear professionals at the start of their careers a chance to interact with top international experts and form professional networks with each other.

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