New COG-KHNP agreement brings even more collaboration

Ceremony held to celebrate partnership in joint projects, R&D and training in areas of leadership, nuclear safety, waste management and decommissioning.

An already strong partnership has become that much stronger.

At a signing ceremony held on May 13 at the CANDU Owners Group (COG) offices in Toronto, representatives from Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power (KHNP) and COG signed an agreement that outlined a series of programs and joint projects that would build on the two organizations’ existing collaborative relationship. The ceremony was attended by KHNP’s Shin-Seob Kang, Vice President of Backend Management and Decommissioning, Sonia Qureshi, COG’s Director of Joint Projects & Services and John Moore, Director of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer at COG.

The primary focus of the COG-KHNP agreement involves decommissioning-related projects and initiatives. KHNP is currently preparing to decommission its Wolsong 1 reactor unit that was shutdown in June 2018.

Illustrative of their renewed engagement in COG programs, and as per the new agreement, KHNP’s expanded collaboration will include:

- Participation in COG’s R&D and Nuclear Safety and Environmental Affairs programs;
- Involvement in Joint Projects (JPs) such as the Calandria Segmentation Study, Decommissioning and Waste Management Peer Group; and
- Additional future JP and R&D collaborations in the areas of decommissioning and the development of dismantling tools.

Since 2016, COG has delivered leadership and nuclear safety culture training to KHNP and in the fall, KHNP will play host to the 15th COG / International Atomic Energy Agency Technical Committee Meeting happening Nov. 4-6, the COG / World Association of Nuclear Operators Equipment Reliability Workshop and the CANDU 6 Fleet Meeting on Nov. 7-8, all of which are taking place in Gyeongju, Korea.