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Fukushima Daiichi Decontamination & Decommissioning Engineering Company

**Second Press Briefing for Overseas Media on the Decommissioning Efforts
at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station**

On February 13, 2023, TEPCO held an online press conference to explain efforts pertaining to the handling of water treated with multi-nuclide removal equipment (ALPS treated water).

In addition to 28 reporters from 26 overseas media in 15 different countries including Australia, China, Korea, and New Zealand, etc., five reporters from the international affairs divisions at five Japanese media companies, and 10 Embassy officials from nine countries in Europe and Asia, etc. also participated along with Akira Ono (Chief Decommissioning Officer (CDO), President of Fukushima Daiichi Decontamination & Decommissioning Engineering Company), and Junichi Matsumoto (Corporate Officer, General Manager of Project Management Office, Chief Officer for ALPS treated water management, Fukushima Daiichi Decontamination & Decommissioning Engineering Company), who gave status updates on efforts to the decommissioning of Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station and the discharge of ALPS treated water into the sea, and also responded to questions received prior to and during the press conference.

TEPCO will continue to prioritize the safety of the regional residents, workers, and the surrounding environment as we move steadily forward with the decommissioning of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station in order to reduce risks associated with radioactive substances while also conveying scientifically-based information to parties both in Japan and overseas in a highly transparent manner.

◆ Briefing Details

I. **Conditions at Units 1~4 between October 2022 ~January 2023 (overview)**

- Status of internal investigations of the primary containment vessel using remotely operated robots in preparation for fuel debris retrieval

II. **Efforts for ensuring safety during the discharge of ALPS treated water into the sea**

- Videos shown that employ computer graphics* to explain the ALPS purification mechanism
- Safety points pertaining to the discharge of ALPS treated water into the sea
- Efforts for ensuring safety and transparency in light of the IAEA review

*https://www4.tepco.co.jp/en/news/library/archive-e.html?video_uuid=gd90o6m8&catid=69631



Press conference



Mr. Ono giving an update on the conditions at Units 1~4



Mr. Matsumoto giving a briefing on the discharge of ALPS treated water into the sea

◆ **Primary questions**

[Question] How are you dealing with criticism from neighboring countries that insist that the treated water is not safe?

[Answer]

In regards to the safety of ALPS treated water, in particular, we will make certain that the concentrations of radioactive substances fall below the government's regulatory standards. Of course, all of the data that TEPCO has obtained, and will obtain, will be publicly announced and disclosed. We will address such criticism by ensuring transparency through the disclosure of information.

[Question] How have you responded to criticism from the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF)?

[Answer]

In addition to giving five briefings to the PIF Secretariat and PIF experts in cooperation with the Japanese government, we have exchanged opinions with the PIF

panel of experts three times in the past with each session lasting several hours. Not only did we answer all their questions, but we also responded to their requests for data, and we have carefully responded to all questions and requests we have received to date.

Furthermore, we gave the PIF Secretariat and PIF experts a tour of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station on February 10 and showed them ALPS facilities as well as the ongoing construction of dilution and discharge facilities.

We have conveyed to the PIF that we are always willing to answer any questions they have and engage in dialogue with them, and we do not intend on changing this stance.

[Question] International law experts have insisted that discharging wastewater into the Pacific Ocean is illegal. What is your stance on this?

[Answer]

We believe the question is referring to the London Protocol that prohibits ocean dumping and also the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. It is TEPCO's position that there are no problems as long as the discharge meets Japan's regulatory standards. Furthermore, TEPCO's efforts are being reviewed by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and we believe that our activities are transparent and objective. Also, the sea discharge that TEPCO will be engaging in is a general practice of nuclear power facilities both in Japan and across the globe, and not a so-called "infraction of international law."

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Videos and documents

<Press conference video>

https://www4.tepco.co.jp/en/news/library/archive-e.html?video_uuid=hkgrg008&catid=61785

<Japanese documents>

<https://www.tepco.co.jp/decommission/progress/watertreatment/images/221027j.pdf>

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