

IX. Conclusion

Approximately half a year has passed since the accident occurred at the Tokyo Electric Power Co. (TEPCO) Fukushima Nuclear Power Station. This nuclear accident caused by an earthquake and tsunamis is a massive accident unprecedented in Japan or abroad insofar as severe accidents occurred simultaneously at multiple units, that the accident has affected an extensive range in its surrounding area, and that it has been taking a long time to achieve restoration from the accident.

In Japan, related organizations such as the plant operator, including the people working at the site, the central government and local authorities have been tackling this accident together. While it was possible to progress from Step 1 to Step 2 with regard to restoration from the accident, the Government of Japan recognizes that it will be far from easy to complete the restoration from the accident, conduct decontamination work, and develop and implement subsequent medium- and long-term-plans for the site. Also, it is necessary to advance the efforts while listening carefully to the voices of the local people when responding to those who suffered as a result of the nuclear accident, including such responses as monitoring and decontamination.

In this second report, the responses taken immediately after the occurrence of the accident at the Fukushima NPS and elsewhere have also been described in greater detail. Moreover, it has described a situation in which the people undertaking work on the site and personnel in related organizations have been working intensively in a severe environment that includes damage by an earthquake and by tsunamis, the impact of rubble, and the impact of debris scattered as a result of the hydrogen explosions. The Government of Japan is determined to continue its utmost efforts to support the health management and other aspects of the people engaged in this work without fail.

Japan has received a wide array of supports from countries around the world, related international organizations, and others to date, so that Japan would like to express its deepest gratitude while also requesting continued support.

Japan is working to learn everything possible from this accident while mobilizing wisdom and efforts both domestically and from around the world, and thus Japan is confident that it will be able to overcome this accident without fail.

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