Securing the Supply of Gasoline and Light Oil in the Tohoku Region (Disaster Area) and the Kanto Region: Emergency Measures to Ensure Supply Lines and Establish an Expanded Distribution Network

(As of 10:00 a.m. April 18)

Supplying the Quake-hit Tohoku Region

Special dispatch of additional tanker trucks (300 vehicles)

- 303 additional vehicles have already arrived in the Tohoku region.

Mass transfer of gasoline, etc. from western Japan to the Tohoku region

- Supply capacity of 38,000 kl/day is already secured
- Current supply to the Tohoku region: approx. 30,000 kl/day
- Operating ratios of refineries: ensure operation at full capacity
- Suspension of exports: approx. 700,000 kl for the time being
- Emergency imports: expectation to secure 500,000 kl or more in March and April

Early restoration of oil storage facilities (Shiogama/Hachinohe) on Pacific Coast

- (Shiogama Oil Storage Facility) As of April 17, 72 tankers have docked at the pier.
- (Hachinohe Oil Storage Facility) As of April 17, 32 tankers have docked at the pier.
- (JX Sendai Oil Storage Facility) As of April 4, 1,000 drums of kerosene and light oil have been shipped.

Intensive supply measures to areas where shortages are serious

- On March 27, approx. 4,000 drums of kerosene and light oil were delivered to Self-Defense Forces for quake survivors.
- Regarding donated kerosene and light oil (2,000 drums) from The Petroleum Association of Japan, shipment has started from April 4. 650 drums are delivered to Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima Prefectures each. As of April 17, total of approx. 1,840 drums have been delivered.

Designation of key service stations and concentrated supply

- Supply has been concentrated to a cumulative total of 3,974 service stations as of April 15, out of 207 emergency key stations since March 19 in 6 Tohoku prefectures.
- As of April 16, 2,892 out of 3,070 service stations (94%) located in the Tohoku regions were in operation.
- Oil distributors updated information on operation status of their service stations on the websites.

Support for areas around the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plants

- Regarding requests on March 19, 22, 26, and 30 from the Fukushima prefectural government to provide approx. 1,110 kl of gasoline, etc., to area residents: the full amount was supplied by March 31. Responding additional request (400kl) on April 3, by April 15, approx. 200 kl have already been supplied.

Securing railway transportation routes

- The shipment to Koriyama after April 18 has increased by approx. 2,600 kl per day due to the restoration of the Tohoku Line. The shipment to Morioka after April 21 is also expected to increase by approx. 1,600 kl per day.
- After March 21, transport approx. 6,000 kl/day of gasoline, etc. to Utsunomiya. One part is to be transported to the Tohoku region via Utsunomiya.

Response to requests from affected areas

- Responded to some 1,380 of 1,450 requests from hospitals, etc.; approx. 15,300kl of gasoline and light oil, etc., were delivered as of April 11.

LP gas supply measures (to the Tohoku region (affected area))

- Gas cylinders and large cookers for 6,800 people were delivered free of charge to hospitals and evacuation areas for cooking.
- Approx. 26,000 table-top stoves and 150,000 cassette gas cylinders have been donated to the affected areas.
- Total of 40,000 tons of LPG has been released by April 7 by utilizing national stockpiles.

Establishment of temporary fueling sites

- March 27 to April 17 temporary fueling sites were established in 9 municipalities and fueled a total of approx. 9,000 vehicles.

Support to resume temporary operation of service station in the affected areas

- By using portable or second-hand fuel tanks, 7 service stations in 5 municipalities resumed temporary operation as of April 14.

*Supply to the Kanto region has recovered to almost normal status. We will inform you if there are any developments in the situation.