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

In order to secure an adequate supply of oil throughout Japan by reducing stocks of oil products held by oil companies, and by promoting smooth coordination between companies and local communities, METI has reduced private sector stockpiling requirements by an additional 22 days, from the initial 3 days. As a result, private sector stockpiling obligations have now been reduced by a total of 25 days.

Supporting the Quake-hit 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. 34,000 kl/day (90%)
- 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 May 11, 154 tankers (approx. 427,000kl) have docked at the pier.
- (Hachinohe Oil Storage Facility) As of May 11, 59 tankers have docked at the pier (total of approx. 170,000kl).
- (JX Sendai Oil Storage Facility) As of April 4, approx. 1,000 drums of kerosene and light oil have been shipped.

Designation of key service stations and concentrated supply

- Supply has been concentrated to a cumulative total of 4,351 service stations as of April 21, out of 207 emergency key stations since March 19 in 6 Tohoku prefectures.
- As of May 9, 2,921 out of 3,070 service stations (95%) located in the Tohoku regions were in operation.
- Oil distributors updated information on operation status of their service stations on the websites.

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

- By using portable or second-hand fuel tanks, and tank containers, 15 service stations in 7 municipalities resumed temporary operation as of May 10 (Fueling started newly in Ishinomaki City.)

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