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

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**<Today's highlights>**
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**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. 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**
  - As of May 22, 184 tankers (approx. 507,000 kl) have docked at the pier.
  - As of May 22, 67 tankers have docked at the pier (total of approx. 195,000 kl).
  - 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, 2921 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 for areas around the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plants**
  - Following a series of six requests from the Fukushima Prefectural Government to provide approx. 1,590 kl of gasoline, etc., to area residents, almost 90% of the amount (1,410 kl) have already been supplied. Additional supply is to be continued.

- **Intensive supply measures to areas where shortages are serious**
  - On March 27, approx. 4,000 drums of kerosene and light oil were delivered to the 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. By April 19, all drums (total of approx. 2,000 drums) have been delivered.

- **Securing railway transportation routes**
  - Shipments to Koriyama after April 18 have increased to approx. 2,600 kl per day due to the restoration of the Tohoku Line. Shipments to Morioka after April 21 have also increased to 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 1,420 of 1,460 requests from hospitals, etc.; approx. 15,500 kl of gasoline and light oil etc., were delivered as of May 1.

- **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**
  - From March 27 to May 22, temporary fueling sites were established in 9 municipalities and fueled a total of approx. 10,100 vehicles.

- **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 12 (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.