**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.

### Supplying the Quake-hit Tohoku Region

#### Extraordinary dispatch of additional tanker trucks (300 vehicles)
- Over 252 additional vehicles have already arrived in the Tohoku region, and approx. 290 vehicles in total are expected to be secured.

#### 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: 22,000 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 of securing 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 March 28, 14 tankers (approx. 32,000kl) have docked at the pier.
- (Hachinohe Oil Storage Facility) On March 27, approx. 1,530 kl of gasoline, etc. was shipped.
- (JX Sendai Oil Storage Facility) As of March 27, approx. 900 drums of kerosene and light oil have been shipped.

#### Designation of key service stations and concentrated supply
- Supply has been concentrated to a total of 1,050 service stations between March 19 and 27, out of 207 emergency key stations in 6 Tohoku prefectures.
- As of March 27, 2,442 of 3,070 (80%) of service stations located in the Tohoku regions were in operation.

### Support for areas around the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plants

Regarding requests on March 19, 22, and 26 from the Fukushima prefectural government to provide approx. 980 kl of gasoline, etc., to area residents: nearly the full amount is expected to be supplied by March 28.

### Securing railway transportation routes
- After March 21, transport approx. 1,300 kl/day of gasoline, etc. from Negishi to Morioka.
- 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.
- After March 25, ship approx. 600 kl of gasoline, etc. from Negishi to Koriyama.

### Response to requests from affected areas
- Responded to some 1,050 of 1,230 requests from hospitals, etc.; approx. 11,000 kl of gasoline and light oil were delivered as of March 27.
- Over 250 additional tanker trucks have been dispatched to the Tohoku region.

### Establishment of “Temporary mini service stations”
- Temporary mini service stations in Rikuzentakada-city provided fuel to 584 vehicles (on March 28).
- Gas cylinders and large cookers for 2,600 people were delivered free of charge to hospitals and evacuation areas for cooking.
- Approx. 20,000 table-top stoves and 110,000 cassette gas cylinders have been donated to the affected areas.

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### Supply to the Kanto Region

- Chips and light oil were delivered as of March 27.
- In the 3 days after March 25, approx. 50,000 kl is to be transferred to the Kanto region.
- After March 21, railway shipment returned to normal (transport of a total of approx. 11,000 kl/day of gasoline, etc.)
- Two refineries that had suspended operations (Tonen Kawasaki and Kyokuto Chiba) have already resumed operations.
- JX Negishi resumed operations on March 21.

### From March 21, shipments to the Kanto region recovered to the normal average yearly level.
- Draw on stock in operating refineries in the Kanto region.
- Enhance supply structure via cooperation among companies.

### Designation of key service stations and intensive supply to them (as noted above)
- For the period of March 19 to 27, concentrated supplies had been provided to a cumulative total of 1,201 service stations of the 187 designated emergency key service stations in Tokyo and its 6 surrounding prefectures.