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 20:00 p.m. April 3)

Supplying the Quake-hit Tohoku Region

- **Special dispatch of additional tanker trucks (300 vehicles)**
  - 279 additional vehicles have already arrived in the Tohoku region, and approx. 300 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 to secure 500,000 kl or more in March and April.

- **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.

- **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 April 1, shipment of gasoline, etc., from Negishi to Koriyama will increase (approx. 1,200 kl).

- **Response to requests from affected areas**
  - Responded to some 1,320 of 1,430 requests from hospitals, etc.; approx. 1,430 of 1,500 were delivered as of April 1.

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

- **(Shiogama Oil Storage Facility)** As of April 1, 820 tankers (approx. 73,000kl) have docked at the pier.
- **(Hachinohe Oil Storage Facility)** On March 31, approx. 3,750 kl of gasoline, etc. was shipped. As of April 2, 9 tankers have docked at the pier (total of 22,000kl).
- **(JX Sendai Oil Storage Facility)** As of March 31, approx. 1,000 drums of kerosene and light oil have been shipped.

(Mass land transportation using oil drums)

Designation of key service stations and concentrated supply

- **Supply has been concentrated to a cumulative total of 1,860 service stations between March 19 and April 1, out of 207 emergency key stations in 6 Tohoku prefectures.**
- **As of March 31, 2,732 of 3,070 (89%)** of service stations located in the Tohoku regions were in operation.
- **Primary oil distributors partly updated website information about operation status of service stations.**

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 (2000 drums) from The Petroleum Association of Japan, destinations are coordinated with Iwate and Fukushima pref. and is to be shipped early April. As for Miyagi pref., coordination is under way.**

- **LP gas supply measures (to the Tohoku region (affected area))**
  - Gas cylinders and large cookers for 6,500 people were delivered free of charge to hospitals and evacuation areas for cooking.
  - Approx. 29,000 table-top stoves and 120,000 cassette gas cylinders have been donated to the affected areas.
  - METI decided to release 40,000 tons of LPG by utilizing national stockpiles on March 31.

Establishment of Temporary fueling sites

- **March 27 to April 2**, temporary fueling sites were established in 9 municipalities and fueled a total of 4,100 vehicles.

Supply to the Kanto Region

- **Transfer of stocks to the Kanto region**
  - In the 3 days after March 25, approx. 60,000kl was transferred to the Kanto region.

- **Two refineries that had suspended operations (Tonen Kawasaki and Kyokuto Chiba) have already resumed operations. JX Negishi resumed operations on March 21.**

- **Normalization of supply to the North Kanto region.** After March 21, railway shipment returned to normal (transport of a total of approx. 11,000 kl/day of gasoline, etc.)

- **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)

- As of April 1, 6,539 (98%) service stations out of 6,661 in the Kanto region were in operation.

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- As of April 2, temporary fueling sites have fueled a total of 4,100 vehicles.
- The number of donated table-top stoves and cassette gas cylinders have increased to 23,000 and 120,000 each.