

Summary of Press Conference Comments Made by Kazuhiro Ikebe, FEPC  
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I am Kazuhiro Ikebe, Chairman of the Federation of Electric Power Companies.

Today, I will talk about our “response to Typhoon Maysak (9<sup>th</sup> typhoon of the season) and Typhoon Haishen (10<sup>th</sup> typhoon of the season)” and “promotion of the nuclear fuel cycle”.

<On “our response to Typhoon Maysak (9<sup>th</sup> typhoon of the season) and Typhoon Haishen (10<sup>th</sup> typhoon of the season) ”>

First, I will talk about our response to Typhoon Maysak (9<sup>th</sup> typhoon of the season) and Typhoon Haishen (10<sup>th</sup> typhoon of the season) which caused major damages this month especially in the Kyushu region.

I would like to offer my heartfelt condolences for those who lost their lives in this disaster and express my deepest sympathies to the bereaved families and those who were affected.

Electrical facilities were damaged in the affected areas, and there were many power outages across western Japan, especially in the Kyushu region. I deeply apologize for the trouble and inconvenience that the power outages have caused our customers.

Local transmission and distribution operators in the areas affected by the typhoons have been doing their best to recover facilities in cooperation with relevant organizations.

In response to the particularly devastating Typhoon Haishen (10<sup>th</sup> typhoon of the season), the six general transmission and distribution operators from across the country (Hokkaido, Tohoku, Tokyo, Chubu, Hokuriku, and Kansai), except for Okinawa, Shikoku, and Chugoku which were expected to be hard

hit, have been working toward early power recovery by sequentially dispatching response personnel and high voltage generator cars to the Kyushu region even before the typhoon neared the region.

As a result of these efforts, transmission was fully recovered by September 9 even in the hard hit Kyushu region.

As electric power operators, our mission first and foremost is to provide a stable supply of electricity.

We will continue to cooperate closely among utilities on stable supply and early recovery from outages, and will do our utmost to provide electricity stably to our customers.

<On “the promotion of the nuclear fuel cycle”>

Next, I will talk about the promotion of the nuclear fuel cycle.

On July 29, Japan Nuclear Fuel Limited (hereinafter JNFL) received permission for changes in business operation at the Rokkasho Reprocessing Plant from the Nuclear Regulatory Authority (hereinafter NRA). On August 21, JNFL reported to Aomori Prefecture and Rokkasho Village that the scheduled plant completion date for the plant will be changed from the first half of FY2021 to the first half of FY2022.

In the review meeting held on August 31, it was revealed that JNFL would submit its first application for the approval of the design and construction plan of the reprocessing facility in October 2020, which is required to conduct safety improvement measures work.

JNFL will put forth every effort in the safety improvement measures work for the completion of the Rokkasho Reprocessing Plant and we, as nuclear operators, will continue to fully support JNFL as an industry.

Regarding the final disposal of high-level radioactive waste, there have

been media reports since mid-August that Suttsu-cho and Kamoenai-mura in Hokkaido are considering applying for the Nuclear Waste Management Organization of Japan (hereinafter NUMO)'s open solicitation for literature survey.

We are very grateful that municipalities and local residents are interested in the final disposal.

We have a basic responsibility as generators of high-level radioactive waste. With this in mind, we will continue to cooperate with the national government and NUMO and engage in dialogue with local residents to deepen their understanding of the disposal business and to attract their interest in the issue.

Given the energy situation in resource-poor Japan, nuclear power generation will need to continue to serve its part as an important baseload power source. The nuclear fuel cycle is critical in effectively utilizing uranium, and reducing the volume and toxicity of waste.

We will cooperate among related operators to further accelerate our initiatives to deal with the challenges facing the nuclear fuel cycle including promoting MOX fuel, completing construction on the Rokkasho Reprocessing Plant and dealing with the final disposal of high-level radioactive waste.

<In closing>

In closing, I want to address our initiatives to recover trust in the electric power industry.

To support initiatives to enforce compliance in utilities from a practical standpoint to prevent Kansai Electric Power's gift reception problem from becoming forgotten, FEPC has established a Compliance Liaison Committee within the organization on August 24 and started working-level meetings.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Corporate Ethics Committee meeting was also held today where we received reports on the status of utilities' initiatives to enforce compliance.

We, electric power operators, are committed to continuing to recover the people's trust in the electric power business by continuing unending efforts to enforce compliance.

This will conclude my segment today.

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