# Expert Meeting on the Long-term Health care of Workers at the TEPCO Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant Report Overview

## 1. Background

The policy for actions to respond to nuclear disaster victims in the immediate future was issued on 17 May 2011 by the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters. In the report of policies the Headquarters stressed the importance of providing health care in a long-term perspective and stated that "a database should be developed that allows longitudinal recording of radiation exposure doses of all workers engaged in the emergency work even after workers leave their job." Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare established Expert Meeting on the long-term Health care of workers at the TEPCO Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant in June 2011 to discuss the aforementioned issues.

# 2. Basic policies

#### (1) Development of the database

The database should include workers' full names, addresses, other personal identification information such as locations of employers, radiation exposure dose before and after engaging in the emergency work, nature of their works, and information about their health status such as the results of medical examination. All workers should readily be able to access their information from this database.

#### (2) Long-term health care

Employers should provide appropriate medical examination for all emergency workers based on their levels of radiation exposure dose.

However, for those who left their employers, the Japanese government will provide health consultations and guidance and medical examination appropriate for their radiation exposure dose.

### (Specific items for implementation based on levels of radiation exposure dose)

- Registration cards will be issued for all workers who have engaged in emergency work
  - ✓ Statutory medical examination
  - ✓ Health consultations and guidance including mental health services
- O Books will be issued for workers who have engaged in emergency work with radiation exposure dose exceeds 50mSv

- ✓ Examination of eyes for cataracts will be provided in addition to the above mentioned health services
- O For workers who have engaged in emergency work with radiation exposure dose exceeds 100mSv
  - ✓ Thyroid examination and screening for stomach, lung, and large intestine cancers will be provided in addition to the above mentioned health services.