

Tour of TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant and Explanatory Meeting

On November 4, 2020, jointly with the Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO), we* held a tour within the site of TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant (hereinafter referred to as "TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi NPP" or simply as the "NPP") and an explanatory meeting targeting overseas journalists in Japan with the aim of deepening their understanding on the progress and the current status of the decommissioning work at the NPP. A total of seven journalists (from Denmark, Germany, France and Hong Kong) participated in this event.

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In the morning, the journalists visited and looked around the TEPCO Decommissioning Archive Center and participated in the explanatory meeting held in a meeting room of the Center thereafter. At the meeting, the status of the decommissioning work and efforts being taken for reducing workers' exposure doses at TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi NPP were explained after lectures were provided on basic knowledge on radiation and industrial health and safety-related laws and regulations. A Q&A session was also held

During the tour in the afternoon, participants observed, from the window of the bus, sidewalks where a number of cherry trees were cut down and slopes covered with mortar to prevent permeation of rainwater to the ground as part of the efforts to reduce workers' exposure doses. They also saw the site where tanks were being demolished while carrying out decontamination operations utilizing laser technology and the site where new tanks for treated water were being constructed. Furthermore, they alighted from the bus at an observatory approximately 100m from Unit 1 and saw workers working around Unit 1 and received explanations about the current status and the future schedule of radioactive waste disposal at Unit 1 to Unit 4. Participants also had an opportunity to touch a bottle of water treated with an ALPS (Advanced Liquid Processing System), a device to remove radioactive materials. TEPCO's staff measured a radiation dose from that bottle with a scintillation survey meter and participants directly confirmed that there was no increase in the dose. In this manner, the tour offered experience-based opportunities.

All participating journalists listened to explanations with eager looks and asked diverse questions concerning the progress of decommissioning work and improvements in workers' working conditions, such as reduction in worker's exposure doses. The event thus ended on a positive note.



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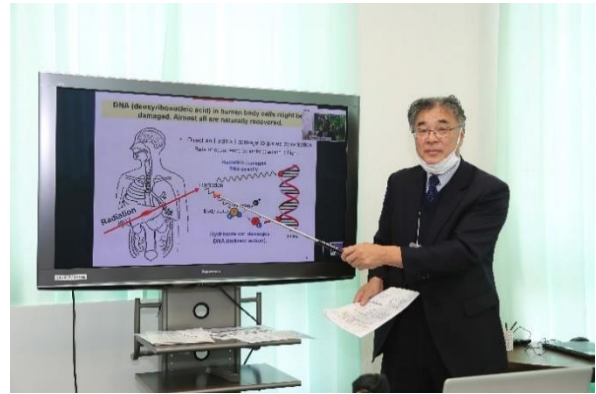


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