

# Roadmap towards Restoration

## from the Accident at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station

On April 17, Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO), the company which operates the stricken Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, released a roadmap outlining its targets for the plant's restoration and the immediate actions it plans to take.

The basic policy underpinning the roadmap reads: "By bringing the reactors and spent fuel pools to a stable cooling condition and mitigating the release of radioactive materials, we will make every effort to enable evacuees to return to their homes and for all citizens to be able to secure a sound life."

TEPCO set target achievement dates of around three months for Step 1, bringing radiation dose into steady decline, and a further three to six months for Step 2, bringing release of radioactive materials under control and significantly holding down the radiation dose.

On May 17, as a month had passed since the roadmap towards restoration was released, TEPCO announced the status of the progress.

In response, Prime Minister Naoto Kan held a Meeting of the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters with himself as the head and announced the government's actions.



Prime Minister Naoto Kan speaks at the Meeting of the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters, May 17.

The Japanese government's actions are listed in the "Roadmap for Immediate Actions for the Verification and Restoration from the Accident at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station" decided by the Meeting of the Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters on May 17

### 1. Government's Support and Confirmation of Safety

- (1) Cooling the Reactors
- (2) Cooling the Spent Fuel Pools
- (3) Containment, Storage, Treatment and Reuse of Water Contaminated by Radioactive Materials (Accumulated Water)
- (4) Prevention of the Spread of Contamination of Subsurface Water
- (5) Mitigation of Radioactive Materials in the Atmosphere and Soil
- (6) Measures against Aftershocks
- (7) Ensure the Safety of the Working Environment, Improve Living Conditions and Health Management

### 2. Conduct Monitoring

### 3. International Cooperation

### 4. Investigation and Verification of the Accident

Prime Minister Kan said, "TEPCO presented a roadmap a month ago for the conclusion of the nuclear incident. Today, that roadmap was revised, and in line with the revisions, I have had a separate roadmap formulated concerning the course of action for the Government."

Concerning assistance for those affected by the nuclear incident, the Prime Minister said, "The Government will thoroughly and persistently meet its responsibility to the people by responding to the needs of those affected by this incident."

