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To All Missions (Embassies, Consular posts and International Organizations in Japan)

Release of a report by the Tritiated Water Task Force

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to inform all the Missions that the Tritiated Water Task Force released a report today.

On June 3rd, the Tritiated Water Task Force released a report on technical evaluation of options for the handling of the tritiated water in the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station site. The Tritiated Water Task Force is an expert's group established under the governmental Committee on Contaminated Water Countermeasures to examine and consider various options for the handling of contaminated water in the site containing radioactive hydrogen (tritium).

As the current Multi-nuclide removal equipment installed at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station is not technically capable of removing tritium, the treated contaminated water still contains tritium and is stored within the Fukushima Daiichi site.

The report evaluates various options regarding the handling of this tritiated water. The attached is the outline of the report, and the full text (in Japanese only) is available at the following website of Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry:

http://www.meti.go.jp/earthquake/nuclear/osensuitaisaku/committttee/tritium_tusk/20160603_01.html

The report presents the results of technical evaluations of various options by the expert group, but it is not in any sense a governmental decision on how to handle the tritiated water.

The Government of Japan will further deliberate how to handle the tritiated water referring to this report.

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