

## **Statement by Chairperson Hatamura in the press conference held after the 7th Meeting of the Investigation Committee on the Accident at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Stations of Tokyo Electric Power Company**

Date and time: from 17:00 on January 25, 2012 (Wed.)

Venue: Mitsubishi Research Institute Building (2F, Seminar Room)

Today, we held the seventh meeting of the Investigation Committee on the Accident at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Stations of Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO). At today's meeting, we discussed the plan of our further activities up to the completion of the final report and further investigation items.

First, I would like to update information about the time by which we expect to complete the final report. While it has been mentioned rather vaguely in the interim report as "the summer of this year," I would like to rephrase this more precisely as "the end of July."

As with the interim report, the parts of the final report that are dedicated to the description of facts will be drafted by the Secretariat while the parts of the final report that are dedicated to the result of evaluation and of suggestions will be prepared by the working group of committee members and technical advisors.

The members of the working group remain the same: myself, Mr. Yanagida (Deputy Chairperson), Mr. Takasu, Mr. Takano and the two technical advisors, Mr. Abe and Dr. Fuchigami.

Next, I would like to speak about the organizational framework of the Secretariat. At the first meeting of the Investigation Committee in June 2011, three investigation teams were established at the Secretariat. We had been thinking of establishing a team for examining regal regulations as a fourth team on the basis of the progress of investigation activities conducted by the other three teams.

However, we have already made comments and recommendations on regulatory issues on the basis of investigation activities conducted by the three teams in the interim report. Therefore we judged it unnecessary to establish another team.

We will continue to address issues about regal regulations on the basis of investigation activities conducted by the three teams.

The topics to be addressed by our further investigation activities are as described in a distributed document. However, as mentioned in the distributed document, the investigation items may be added or modified in the future in consideration of the progress of investigation activities and also of suggestions from overseas experts.

Finally, I would like to say about hearing opinions from overseas experts about our investigation.

As I have announced earlier, we are planning to have an international conference in February, to which we will invite experts from overseas. We now have a rough schedule of the conference.

The international experts are invited to participate in a tour to the Fukushima Daiichi NPS on February 23 (Thursday).

Please be aware that we will not make any press arrangement for the tour.

The meetings with the Investigation Committee will be held on the 24th and 25th of February (Friday and Saturday) at the Keio Plaza Hotel in Shinjuku. The meetings, conducted with simultaneous interpretation, will be open to the press.

After the session on February 25 (Saturday), the Investigation Committee and international experts will attend

a press conference.

This joint press conference, with simultaneous interpretation, will be held at the Keio Plaza Hotel. Detailed information, including the times schedule of the conference and press conference will start, will be announced at a later date.

While the names of experts from the United States, France, Sweden and South Korea have been already announced, we are now negotiating with several other international experts. As soon as further members are added, we will make an announcement.