

The 3rd meeting of the Investigation Committee on the Accidents at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Station of Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO)

Press conference by Chairperson of the Committee Dr.Hatamura

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Today, we held the 3rd meeting of Investigation Committee on the Accidents at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Station of Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO). The last two meetings were held in public, but today's meeting was not disclosed. Let me explain this point at first.

The Committee was launched in June. We set investigation and interviewing rules as well as investigation items at the 2nd meeting on July 8. Then we started fact finding regarding the accident.

First of all, we cannot do verification if we don't know facts. So, as I told you at the 2nd meeting, we decided to have the Secretariat concentrate on investigation for the first three months. On the basis of Secretariat's report of the investigation we have started to discuss for the purpose of compiling the interim report of the accident.

We asked the Secretariat to report what they find at today's meeting. So, today's meeting was mostly about what the Secretariat found in the course of the investigation.

In order to conduct this kind of accident investigation we need the cooperation of the persons concerned. If findings are disclosed in a halfway manner in the middle of the investigation, the persons concerned should be affected in many ways. They often become reluctant to work together, and smooth investigation will be hindered.

Thus, we believe we should disclose findings when an investigation is complete or at least reached at a certain stage. We are thinking to disclose findings in our interim report and final report.

In that sense, we cannot have today's meeting in public, and we are going to explain findings at the press conference as far as they would not hinder the further

investigation.

Today, the Secretariat reported what they found so far and what they are still investigating. As a matter of fact, what they have found is huge amount of information. Respective investigation teams explained its investigation status in detail. I was impressed that they have clarified so many facts within this short period of time. The Director-General of the Secretariat is going to explain its summaries later.

After the report of the Secretariat, we discussed about what is necessary in order to make them as a base for the interim report, whether any further investigation is necessary, and from what viewpoint we should think about them. The Secretariat shall continue fact findings based on today's discussion. Some investigation items should be further investigated, while some new items could be added based on today's discussion.

The Secretariat will report again at the next Committee meeting on October 28. Along with this schedule, the committee members and technical advisors review today's reports to cooperate closely and discuss what to be included in the interim report, evaluation of the facts, and what points are to be noted.

The Secretariat will concentrate on this task for the next three months. We want to manage to summarize them as the interim report at the 6th Committee meeting to be held on December 26. We already have an enormous amount of data. However the overall amount should be increased as well as deepened.

I think the Secretariat has been collecting enough materials, so that we can compile very comprehensive and persuasive interim report which can provide excellent basis for public discussion.

When I took office as Chairperson of the Committee, I told you what I wanted to do and from what viewpoint I wanted to think. I try to make every effort to explain my intention.

Now, I would like to ask Director-General Mr. Ogawa to explain the investigation status summaries.

[Director-General Mr. Ogawa's investigation status summary description according to

"the press conference handout (Exhibit)"] (complement)

- The listed investigation items are no more than the examples of the actual investigation subjects.
- They are not automatically included in the interim report.
- What to be included in the interim report is depending on the discussion of the coming Committee meetings.

Now, I think I told you what we are doing in detail. We are not in the position to tell you any results of the investigation yet. We are still making every effort toward it. But as I told you in the beginning, the number of interviewees is so huge. And so many facts are coming out.

It is important to know, how we are going to digest the information and what we are going to learn from it. First of all, we need to obtain facts, which is important. What we are going to learn from them is the next thing we should do.

We promised that we would release the interim report on December 26. We feel this is a very tough time schedule.