

# **Inaugural Message from the Chairperson of the Investigation Committee on the Accident at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Stations of Tokyo Electric Power Company**

**It is a great honor to be appointed as the Chairperson of the Committee.**

**As the Chairperson I would like to emphasize the following.**

1. The investigation should be conducted based on my approach
2. Considering the responsibility to our descendants, the final report needs to be capable of standing up to critical evaluation even 100 years later
3. Answer questions of the Japanese public
4. Answer questions of the people around the world
5. Pursuing individual responsibility is not our objective
6. Accurately grasp what happened during the accident
7. Understand the background of the accident
8. Replicate experiments and preserving the accident in dynamic condition are essential



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**Together with the other members and technical advisors of the Committee, I would like to make every effort to thoroughly clarify the cause of this unprecedented accident, including its background, and obtain useful lessons for future generations.**

**I would be grateful for your support and cooperation.**