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Abe to comprehensively decide on restart of reactors in Japan

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Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said Sunday he will make a "comprehensive decision" on whether to restart reactors in Japan, noting the need for nuclear power.

"I will decide after assessing the safety" of resuming the reactors, Abe told reporters during a visit to Koriyama, Fukushima Prefecture, to check on the progress of reconstruction in areas affected by the March 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disasters.

At the same time, the prime minister said, "Reconstruction will be hard without an inexpensive and stable source of power," vowing to dispel "harmful rumors" stemming from the nuclear disaster at the Fukushima Daiichi power plant.

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