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Japan News: Prime Minister Noda meets Fukushima 50

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Fukushima nuclear power plant reactor
01 on 12 March 2011

The current Prime Minister of Japan in Fukushima prefecture graduated visit had more to content than to receive only an overview of the state in which is located in the Fukushima nuclear power plant today.

Rather, his conversation was with the workers who were working at the height of the crisis there once again the burden of the people, much in such circumstances.

More Fukushima News and other messages beyond the reactor plant, about the Senkaku dispute, now in **Japan spread news ticker of 8 September 2012**.

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Premier Noda visited prefecture and Fukushima nuclear power plant: Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda on Sunday visited the Fukushima prefecture in order to gain an impression of the state of work on the nuclear power plant Fukushima Daiichi. Previously, he said, but with more people - some with police officers whose mission is patrolling the evacuation zone.

Towards them, he stated that he had great appreciation for the important role and the use by the police showed, while ensuring the security there.

During his subsequent visit to the power station in the afternoon, the Prime Minister also visited the fünften floor of the reactor building No. 4, to inspect the progress of the decommissioning. This was followed by a visit to the control room for Unit 1 and 2.

Premier Noda talks to Fukushima 50: She and her dramatic use of the nuclear power plant Fukushima Daiichi during the first 48 hours after onset of the crisis, are already part of a modern legend of tragic hero, who did everything in order to stop what was unstoppable.

During his visit the nuclear plant on Sunday, Japanese Prime Minister also spoke to those workers of the first hour, under the name " *Fukushima 50* " were "known internationally - just over the declining coverage slowly being forgotten.

The eight participants - employees of TEPCO and employees of subcontractors - told the host of the serious decisions and the situation faced by them at that time.

They included Masatoshi Fukura, head of the task force of the Fukushima reactors 1 to 4 and his colleague Atsufumi Yoshizawa, group manager for reactors 5 and 6 The other six workers have preferred to remain anonymous name.

While Noda thanked the workers for their efforts, Yoshizawa said at the beginning of the meeting that he wanted to apologize first to the people of Japan that they would not be able to prevent the nuclear accident. Then signposted employees their experiences.



Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant:
the control room for reactor 5 on 11
March 2011 (Photo: TEPCO)

Every 20 people who had been in the two control rooms, held the position for 48 hours, without the assistance was reported about Fukura. All they would have had, had been hardtack and water.

After the explosion at Fukushima reactor 1 is the ceiling cladding fallen and the workers would become white with the dust. They continued their work in protective suits and respirators.

Although the workers shut down the reactors and the insertion of a chain reaction had succeeded. When the tsunami but then the power generators practically swept away, the cooling of the reactors was no longer assured.

The person responsible for the power supply declared as failed in the tsunami's energy supply for the cooling system, he would have seen virtually no hope: " *Now it's over. That's it well.* " Nevertheless, he had instructed his subordinates to undertake an attempt to restore the power supply.

It was night and pitch dark, they could easily have lead to electrical shock. The workers were afraid and asked him if he could guarantee that they would come back again without prejudice, if they went now.



Fukushima nuclear power plant:
Temporary power for devices on 22
March 2011 (Photo: TEPCO)

In a desperate attempt to find a source for electricity in order to bring important gauges to work can shed light on the condition inside the reactor building. They removed a total of 20 car batteries out of their cars and between despite the weight made 20 to 30 kilograms in the control room, while the workers were still under the aftershocks.

" *My colleagues and I did our best* ", he said.

A worker at the time of the Wasserstoffexplosion at Fukushima reactor 3, the earthquake-proof building was told, he still trembled when he thought of the explosion. A colleague who had just returned, was launched in the face blue.



Original text

Die Dekontamination von insgesamt 11 Fukushima, stehen unter direkter Kc dennoch wurden bislang lediglich in dre vollem Umfang aufgenommen.

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After the meeting, that the J-Village, a former sports ground where the power plant workers are now housed, held, the Prime Minister thanked the workers for their efforts to save the situation:

"I wish to express my appreciation for the efforts made, because I am convinced that they were facing difficulties, which can not be described in words. Please accept my expressions of gratitude that I bring, as a part of this nation, for their hard work in such a terrible and difficult circumstances, to express".

Premier Noda pushes for rapid decontamination: After his visit to the power plant, Japan's Prime Minister said in Naraha (Fukushima Pref), the reconstruction depended on the progress of decontamination. Therefore, he had instructed the Environment Minister Hiroyuki Nagahama now step up efforts to decontaminate.



Japan's Prime Minister
Yoshihiko Noda (Photo: Leon
E. Panetta cc-by)

To speed up the work, the local office of the Ministry of Environment in Fukushima had more powers to be given to decontamination and waste disposal. Also necessary for the cooperation between the various departments and agencies can be improved. By the end of the month the Ministry of Environment will compile concrete measures.

The decontamination of a total of 11 municipalities in Fukushima Prefecture, are under the direct control of the Ministry - but have so far been recorded only in three communities the work in its entirety.

During the visit in Naraha Noda visited a temporary storage for contaminated soil and gained an insight into the implementation of decontamination before he then visited a checkpoint for harvested rice in Motomiya. The mayor of the town Noda promised to let more Fukushima rice use in canteens of ministries and authorities in Tokyo to demonstrate its safety.

About the Prime Minister's visit in Fukushima, Japanese media reported several, including Kyodo, NHK, Yomiuri Shimbun and Asahi Shimbun.

Videoconferencing is problems with the auto battery purchase: Unofficial translations of the video conference between the management of the nuclear power plant Fukushima Daiichi and its headquarters situated in Tokyo, which previously had been writing: After a power failure have you bought car batteries operate at monitors and close a valve to .

Interesting are the details, because the acquisition had proved difficult. On 13 March 2011 had taken an initial 20 car batteries from the cars of the employees. For the additional purchase multiple batteries initially had funding from the company headquarters in Tokyo are mobilized. When the money was finally available, but already all the shops were closed in the city of Iwaki.

In the video it is stated: *"Tomorrow we will have a "go to do-it-yourself" store. If they want to buy something, they come to the Materials Department and please report them to us verbally her shopping list "* . The following day, the 14th March 2011 occurred then an explosion at reactor 3

Companies develop decontaminants: Several Japanese companies are developing new material, through their use of the disposal of radioactive materials Fukushima disaster should be facilitated.

Sun joined about Toyobo, a leader in synthetic fibers combined two elements that are able to absorb cesium. A test showed that the new material can absorb 99 percent of 10 milligrams cesium, which was dissolved in one liter of water.

The chemical company Showa Union, however, has developed a material that under constant high heat capable of doing is to include cesium. This property could be around in the storage of radioactively contaminated waste beneficial.

Another of the NHK Innovation reported is an iron powder that can absorb water and dissolved cesium halve in the content. The particles could be easily removed with a magnet, said the metalworking company Dowa Holdings.

Japanese wins Nobel Prize for Medicine / Physiology: Shinya Yamanaka, a professor at the University Kyoto receive this year's Nobel Prize for Medicine. That he shares with the British scientist John Gurdon. Excellent is the discovery that adult cells can again be pluripotent. That they might have made an important contribution towards the understanding of development of cells and organisms.

Previously, it was assumed that a reversal back to the state of stem cells is not possible. Appointing reported about Asahi Shimbun and Kyodo.

Fatalities in China and Senkaku propaganda in New York: The weekend was again in the news Senkaku conflict between Japan and its neighbors. Details on the latest happenings now in a summary:



Japanese national flag (original
photo: Toshihiro Oimatsu cc-by)

Dead after anti-Japanese protests in China: A 27 year old man from Hubei had on 16 Drawn September by a fall while climbing over a fence serious head injuries.

Now it has been reported that the man had died on Tuesday of last week. It is thus the first death related to the demonstrations.

Whether this was a protester, or spectators is obviously unclear.

A particularly tragic circumstance call the Chinese media that the deceased just wanted to get married on this day his fiancée.

Korea's propaganda on the Time Square: *"Do you remember?"* With that question and the image of the former German Chancellor Willy Brandt, who begs on his knees for forgiveness for the crimes of the Nazis, the Korean propaganda begins on a ten meter measured signboard in New York's Time Square.

This gesture from the 1970s had the *"support reconciliation in Europe"*, and continues: *"In 2012, waiting women, who were forced to serve as sex slaves for Japanese soldiers, still a heartfelt apology of Japan"*.

It is believed that it is the Korean activists to the same group which is also had the large scale propaganda display in U.S. newspapers have printed.

The Japanese Consulate General in New York submitted a letter of appeal and told the local advertising company, the attitude of the Japanese government.

Monument defaced in China: A six-meter-high stone monument in Xian, the Chinese translation of a poem by Abe no Nakamaro, a Japanese envoy is attached at the time of the Tang Dynasty in China, were pictures circulating on the social network Weibo, apparently by unknown defaced with red and black paint.

The monument in 1979 was the occasion of a friendship agreement between Xian (China) and Nara (Japan), which at the time of the Tang Dynasty, the capital of the country, has been unveiled.

Eight Chinese vessels in the border zone: For the seventh day in a row to keep Chinese patrol vessels on in the border zone to Japanese waters. On Saturday afternoon, there were a total of eight vessels.

Japan's former prime minister could meet with Korea's leadership: Perhaps Japan intends former Prime Minister Taro Aso, during a three-day visit included a meeting with South Korean President Lee Myung Bak. Aso, a member of the LDP, will, as Acting Chairman of the Japan-Korea Cooperation Committee with his South Korean counterparts.

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