Tokyo, Feb. 19 (Jiji Press)--It is not appropriate to say that the nuclear accident at Tokyo Electric Power Co.'s <9501> Fukushima No.1 power plant has been contained, industry minister Toshimitsu Motegi said Tuesday.

"The word, 'end,' is inappropriate because many tasks remain unresolved," Motegi told a House of Councillors Budget Committee meeting, speaking of a declaration of the end of the accident that was issued by the previous government.

"We don't use that word."

Motegi spoke in response to questions from Yuko Mori, acting head of People's Life Party.

In December 2011, the then Democratic Party of Japan-led government declared the end of work to bring the accident under control, saying that the affected nuclear reactors in northeastern Japan had been stabilized.

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