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## TEPCO's Fukushima headquarters starts operations

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Tokyo Electric Power Co. started operating its Fukushima headquarters on Friday to deal with issues stemming from the world's worst nuclear disaster since Chernobyl.

Some 30 employees, including Vice President Yoshiyuki Ishizaki, have been assigned to the new headquarters, located in Naraha, about 20 kilometers south of the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, according to the utility, known as TEPCO.

The decision to open the headquarters follows criticism of TEPCO's handling of compensation for accident victims and the slow progress of decontamination work since the nuclear crisis broke out in March 2011.

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