

Search

Home > News

PRINT E-MAIL

Saturday, March 19, 2011

U.S. preps 450-member crisis team

WASHINGTON (Kyodo) The U.S. military may send to Japan a 450-member-strong unit trained in radiation management to help the country deal with its cascading nuclear crisis, Adm. Robert Willard, commander of the U.S. Pacific Command, said Thursday.

A nine-member advance team has already been dispatched to Japan to consult with the Japanese authorities over what measures to take, including whether reinforcement is necessary.

The special unit is capable of monitoring radioactive material and decontamination.

Willard said the military is also considering using new technology to enable work inside the troubled six-reactor Fukushima No. 1 nuclear plant, where high-level radiation leaks have hampered efforts to cool reactors.

Japanese authorities and the plant's operator, Tokyo Electric Power Co., have been battling to bring the plant's reactors and spent-fuel storage pools under control since their cooling systems were knocked out in the March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

PRINT

E-MAIL

Tweet 0
Like 0

 We welcome your opinions. Click to send a message to the editor.

The Japan Times
(C) All rights reserved

Article 9 of 11 in National news
Previous Next



japantimes Japan, North Korea met in secret for months before Beijing talks - [ow.ly/dx2ns](#)
18 minutes ago · reply · retweet · favorite

japantimes Hong Kong expats: Senkaku spat a nonissue - [ow.ly/dx2np](#)
2 hours ago · reply · retweet · favorite

japantimes It's never too late for more ice cream in Tokyo - [ow.ly/dx2no](#)
3 hours ago · reply · retweet · favorite

japantimes Requests for 2013 budget hit record high - [ow.ly/dxjwy](#)
6 hours ago · reply · retweet · favorite



Join the conversation

Poll Most read stories Editors' picks

A piece of your mind Scared or prepared?

The government [upped its casualty estimate for a killer quake-tsunami combo](#) by more than a factor of 10. What's your take?

- Forewarned is forearmed. This information will save lives.
- All this does is scare people. It's not helpful.
- It's inspired me to think more seriously about possible evacuation routes.
- Numbers like these aren't much more than a guess.

VOTE

Total Votes : 1778

[View past polls](#)

[About us](#) | [Work for us](#) | [Contact us](#) | [Privacy policy](#) | [Link policy](#) | [Registration FAQ](#)

[Advertise](#) in [japantimes.co.jp](#).

This site has been optimized for modern browsers. Please make sure that Javascript is enabled in your browser's preferences.
The Japan Times Ltd. All rights reserved.

[Back to top](#) ▲