

On the Startup of Takahama Unit 3

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We started up the no. 3 reactor at our Takahama Nuclear Power Station at p.m. 17:00 today.

We could successfully complete one of the important steps toward power generation and transmission from Takahama unit 3. We will give sincere and deliberate support to the subsequent inspections to be performed by the Nuclear Regulation Authority. At the same time, we will carefully make steps forward to the resumption of commercial operation of our nuclear power plants under an enhanced system of oversight established in cooperation with the manufacturers and contractors while putting top priority at the safety.

With a firm determination that we will never see an accident like Fukushima Daiichi, I will commit myself to enhancing the safety of nuclear power generation by promoting the safety improvement measures in a voluntary and ongoing manner even beyond the regulatory framework while being fully aware that we should make an untiring effort to enhance the safety.

Takahama unit No.3 is KEPCO's first unit that has passed the safety screening against the new regulatory requirements which took effect on July 8, 2013 taking into account the lessons learned from the TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi NPP accident and latest technical findings collected from across the world.

We will continue to make an utmost effort to improve the safety and reliability of our nuclear power plants by collecting and analyzing latest technical information collected at home and abroad. At the same time, we set our goal at achieving the world's highest level of safety while pursuing voluntary safety improvement measures on a continuous basis even beyond the framework of the new regulatory requirements.