

Announcement of Takahama Unit 4 Criticality

**February 27, 2016
The Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc.**

We hereby announce that Takahama unit 4 started up its operation at p.m.17:00 on February 26, 2016 and reached criticality at a.m. 6:00 today.

Takahama units 3 and 4 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.