

## Announcement of Return to Commercial Operation of Takahama Unit 3

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The Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc.

We hereby announce that Takahama Unit 3 (pressurized water reactor, rated electric output: 870MW, rated thermal output: 2,660MW), which undertook the 21st periodic outage inspection on February 20, 2012 and then entered power control operation as the last stage of the periodic outage inspection on February 1, 2016, has resumed commercial operation at p.m. 16:23 today after completing the final inspection (i.e., integrated plant performance test)\* by the Nuclear Regulation Authority.

\* The completion of integrated plant performance test (i.e., receipt of the certificate of the completion of periodic outage inspection) means the completion of periodic outage inspection.

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.