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“Chief cabinet secretary Edano’s press briefing on radioactivity detected from food collected in Fukushima’s neighboring areas”

The following is the summary of the chief cabinet secretary Edano’s press briefing held at 16:00, March 19, 2011, on the consequence of the Fukushima #1 NPS.

- Reports were made by the related authorities that radioactivity exceeding the government-set level was detected from the sampled milk in Fukushima Prefecture and the 6 samples of spinach in neighboring Ibaraki Prefecture. The limits are stipulated as provisional regulation values under the national Food Sanitation Law.

- At the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare and the Prefectural governments, monitoring and analysis will be conducted on the detected samples identifying where the food were collected and bound to be shipped. The national government will consider on taking necessary actions including ban on the product shipment and/or setting limits to the food intake, on assumption that these radioactivity detections are associated with the Fukushima NPS.

- These radioactivity limits have been set in accordance with the International Commission on Radiological Protection’s publication. The limits are provisional regulation values based on the amount of food concerned in case that these would be continued to taken in all through one’s life. The radioactivity measured from the samples pose no immediate threat to health. For reference, the radioactivity detected in the milk, even if taken in all through a year, is just equivalent to radiation dose of one-time conduct of CT scanning. The radiation detected from the spinach is equivalent to one-fifth of one-time CT scanning.

- The point where the milk was collected in the Fukushima Prefecture is more 30km distance from the Fukushima #1 NPS. The radiation-detected spinach was collected in Ibaraki Prefecture, neighboring to the south of the Fukushima Prefecture. The prefectural boundary is 65 km distant from the NPS.

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