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We have been reporting a status of Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station by summarizing news aired by NHK, which is Japanese national broadcasting company. We regard it as most credible news among many news sources and we are happy to say that NHK's English website has gotten enriched and now you can see movies and English scripts at <http://www3.nhk.or.jp/daily/english/society.html>. Given this situation, we decide to simply place these scripts as it is for the record in case that it will be deleted from the website later, rather than summarizing news as we did.

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NHK news regarding status of Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station yesterday and today.

(Fukushima NPP Site)

● **Strontium at Fukushima plant flows into sea**

(Other news)

● **Food over new limit for radioactive cesium**

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●Strontium at Fukushima plant flows into sea

Tokyo Electric Power Company says more radioactive wastewater has leaked from its Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant and flowed into the sea. The water contained high levels of strontium.

Workers at the plant discovered water leaking from a pipe connected to a wastewater tank, at around 2:00 AM on Thursday.

Workers shut valves, and the flow stopped about half an hour later.

TEPCO says about 12 tons of wastewater leaked from a disconnected joint in the pipe. The company also says it believes that a large portion of the water has flowed into the ocean through a nearby drainage ditch.

The utility is trying to determine how the joint became disconnected, and how much water poured into the sea.

Radioactive wastewater also leaked on March 26th from a different section of the same piping.

Last December, water leaked from another device within the plant compound.

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●Food over new limit for radioactive cesium

Following the introduction of new safety regulations in Japan, several types of food have been found to contain radioactive cesium above the legal limit.

Stricter health standards for staple foods such as vegetables and rice were introduced on Sunday. Permissible levels of radioactivity were reduced from 500 to 100 becquerels per kilogram.

Health ministry officials said bamboo shoots harvested in the Kisarazu and Ichihara regions east of Tokyo were contaminated with 120 and 110 becquerels of radioactive Cesium per kilogram respectively.

Officials also said shiitake mushrooms grown outdoors in Miyagi Prefecture, northeastern Japan, were found to contain 350 becquerels of radioactive Cesium.

Farmers voluntarily refrained from shipping these agricultural products to market and they will not be distributed to consumers.

The government is considering whether to order a compulsory suspension of all shipments of contaminated bamboo shoots.

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