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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)

(Other news)

- **Radioactivity in Fukushima children's urine**
- **Cesium-contaminated mushrooms served in food**
- **Japan offers nuclear assistance to Turkey**

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●Radioactivity in Fukushima children's urine

A medical consulting firm in Tokyo says radioactive material has been detected in the urine of 104 children in Fukushima Prefecture, the site of the troubled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

RHC JAPAN collected urine from children aged 6 or younger in Minamisoma City to check for possible internal exposure.

Those checks were done at the request of parents of preschool children. Tests being carried out by local governments only cover elementary school students and older.

Of 1,500 samples that have been analyzed so far, 7 percent contain radioactive cesium.

The levels of material detected were mostly between 20 and 30 becquerels per liter, slightly above the detection limit. The highest was 187 becquerels in the sample of a one-year-old boy. The firm says there has been no internal exposure that could affect human health.

National Institute of Radiological Sciences Director Makoto Akashi says that although those test results need verification, they do point to the possibility of He added that the level of internal exposure would not increase if one eats food tested for radioactivity.

Saturday, November 05, 2011 08:17 +0900 (JST)

●Cesium-contaminated mushrooms served in food

Radioactive cesium exceeding the government standard has been found in mushrooms grown at a facility in Yokohama City, near Tokyo. About 800 people were served food containing the mushrooms from March through October.

The city says high levels of radioactive cesium were found in dried shiitake mushrooms harvested in both months. The contamination is believed to have been caused by the Fukushima nuclear accident.

The contamination in March was up to 2,770 becquerels of cesium per kilogram; in October, 955 becquerels per kilogram.

Each exceeded the government's standard of 500 becquerels.

The facility checked the mushrooms for radioactive contamination this week after concerned citizens inquired about possible contamination in food served there.

Yokohama is around 250 kilometers from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant.

The mushrooms were reportedly not sold on the market.

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●Japan offers nuclear assistance to Turkey

Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda has told Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan that Japan is ready to cooperate in the construction of a nuclear power plant in Turkey.

The 2 leaders met in Cannes, France, on Thursday after the first day of talks at the G20 summit.

Noda explained Japan's earthquake-relief efforts for the country, including the provision of supplies and grants-in-aid. He added that Japan is ready to provide more support if asked.

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On the Turkish government's plan to build a nuclear power plant, Noda said Japan is willing to share the knowledge it gained from the nuclear accident at the Fukushima Daiichi plant.

Erdogan expressed the hope that progress can be made in negotiations on the nuclear project.

He said his country wants to conclude a free trade agreement with Japan and expand economic ties.

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