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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)

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Japan's Tourism Agency may soon be giving away 10,000 round-trip air tickets to the country in an effort to encourage visitors.

The campaign planned for next year will award the free tickets on condition the winners write about their experiences online. Winners will also fill out a questionnaire on how they feel about visiting Japan after the earthquake, and any proposals to help renew interest in tourism.

JTA chief Hiroshi Mizohata told reporters that many overseas tourists decide to visit Japan after hearing of the positive experiences of friends or acquaintances. He said the giveaway will launch the agency's new campaign to attract foreign tourists.

The Japan National Tourism Organization says an estimated 539,000 foreign people visited Japan in September.

That's down 25 percent from the same month last year, marking the 7th month of decline following the March 11th disaster.

The decline is largely attributed to the Fukushima nuclear accident, but the stronger yen is also making travel to Japan more expensive.

The agency plans to request a budget of about 15 million dollars for the ticket offer in the next fiscal year that starts in April.

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