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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)

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## ●TEPCO spraying water directly into No.2 reactor

The operator of the troubled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant has begun injecting water directly onto the spot in the No. 2 reactor where the fuel is believed to be located after melting down in the pressure vessel.

Tokyo Electric Power Company has been spraying water continuously into the reactors since the March accident to cool them down.

As of 11AM on Wednesday, the bottom of the No.2 reactor was 114.4 degrees Celsius, compared to 84.9 degrees at the No.1 reactor and 101.3 at the No. 3 reactor.

TEPCO thinks the temperature at the No.2 reactor remains higher because the injected water is not cooling the place where the melted-down fuel is located.

On Wednesday, the utility began using pipes located above where the fuel is believed to be, along with an existing pipe, to diversify the coolant passages as the exact spot where the fuel is, remains unknown.

TEPCO says the temperature at the No. 3 reactor has dropped since the same method was introduced early this month.

The firm hopes to achieve a cold shutdown with the temperatures of all the reactors being kept stable and below 100 degrees by January.

It will adjust the amount of water being sprayed and monitor the change of reactor temperatures to find out the most effective way to cool them down.

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## ●Noda sends message to World Economic Forum

In a message to the World Economic Forum, Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda has stressed Japan will contribute to the international community despite the March 11th disaster.

The prime minister sent a video message to the annual forum meeting in China's northeastern city of Dalian on Wednesday, stressing Japan's will and ability.

Noda first expressed gratitude for the outpouring of support from the international community following the earthquake and tsunami in March.

He said the disaster-stricken area is steadily recovering and showing clear signs of reconstruction.

Noda referred to the success of an electricity-saving program in the summer following concerns about power shortages due to the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

The prime minister said his Cabinet is doing everything possible to resolve the Fukushima accident and that the situation is improving in line with the schedule with help from other countries.

Noda said that he wants to cooperate with experts from around the world to rebuild the disaster-hit area.

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## ●Expert panel starts discussing decontamination

An expert panel has begun discussing effective ways to remove radioactive materials from areas near the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant.

Experts on radiation and soil pollution on Wednesday attended the first meeting of the panel set up by the Environment Ministry.

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Environment Minister Goshi Hosono told the panel that decontamination is Japan's top priority, and that the country faces the challenge of decontamination on an unprecedented scale.

In Fukushima Prefecture, municipalities near the plant have launched their own efforts to decontaminate buildings and soil.

The government plans to launch a model decontamination project in 12 of the prefecture's municipalities before focusing on severely contaminated areas early next year.

The panel is to discuss how much topsoil must be scraped away for effective decontamination, as well as standards and methods for municipalities' temporary storage of radioactive soil.

The ministry plans to draw up basic guidelines for decontamination, including specific methods, this year, based on the panel's discussion.

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