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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)

- **Cesium beyond limit found in Chiba, Saitama tea**
- **Another Japanese reactor stops for regular checks**

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●Cesium beyond limit found in Chiba, Saitama tea

The Japanese health ministry says radioactive cesium exceeding the government's safety limit has been detected in tea leaves in Chiba and Saitama prefectures, near Tokyo.

This is the ministry's first discovery of radioactive substances beyond the legal limit since it began unannounced tests of food products last month.

The tests were started in order to verify local government data using different numbers and kinds of food samples.

The ministry says the leaves of one type of tea from Chiba Prefecture contained 2,720 becquerels of radioactive cesium per kilogram, more than 5 times the safety limit.

Meanwhile, a maximum level of 1,530 becquerels per kilogram was detected in 3 kinds of tea leaves from Saitama Prefecture.

The prefectural governments of Chiba and Saitama say they will investigate where the teas were grown and how much has made its way to market.

They say they will order tea producers to recall their product, if necessary.

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●Another Japanese reactor stops for regular checks

One of the reactors at a nuclear power plant in western Japan has been shut down for regular inspections. About 80 percent of the country's nuclear reactors are now out of operation.

Shikoku Electric Power Company halted the No. 1 reactor at the Ikata nuclear plant in Ehime Prefecture early on Sunday for inspections expected to last 3 months.

The operation of the No. 3 reactor of the plant is also down, although regular checks have been completed. The utility must conduct a stress test which the government requires for all suspended reactors before they can be restarted.

The Ehime prefectural government says it will decide whether to approve the resumption of operations after the results of the safety test come out.

The utility says that if the No. 3 reactor does not resume operations, power supplies will be very tight in winter when electricity demand is high.

It is considering restarting a thermal plant which has long been out of use.

43 of the country's 54 reactors are now shut down. It is not known when any of them can resume operations.

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