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Natural Gas in Japan's Post-Fukushima Energy System and its CO₂ Emissions Reduction Potential

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The Great East Japan Earthquake

Earthquakes (Main shock)

Magnitude : 9.0 (Mar. 11th 2011)

Casualties

Dead : over 15,800 Missing: over 3,200 Injured: over 6,000 (As of Feb 21st 2012)

Evacuees

Over 342,000 (As of Feb 9th 2012)

Tremendous support from the international community

- 163 countries and regions
- 43 international organizations



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Fukushima Dai-ichi NPS after the Earthquake and Tsunamis

US Navy/US Pacific Command (Operation Tomodachi)

Ministry of Defence

The Basic Energy Plan prior to earthquake

- The Basic Energy Plan based on its efforts to promote nuclear power
 - Construction of new nuclear power plants : a minimum of 14
 - Facilities utilization rate : approximately 90%
 - The plan aimed to achieve a reduction in CO₂ emissions by approximately 30% from 1990 levels

The shift in nuclear power policy following the disaster

The scenario to reduce the country's dependency on nuclear power generation Estimation result in FY2020

- The capacity of nuclear power generation : Decrease by 30 GW
- The power generation of nuclear power generation : Decrease by 220 TWh/year
- CO₂ emissions : Increase by 110 Mt-CO₂/year

The potential for introduction of natural gas co-generation

Estimation result of the potential for the maximum introduction of natural gas co-generation Industrial : 20 GW, Commercial : 11 GW, Residential : 8 GW Increase of the consumption of natural gas : 30 billion m^3 /year The potential to reduce CO₂ emissions : 70 Mt-CO₂/year

The potential for the shift in fuel usage

Increase of the consumption of natural gas : 48 billion m^3 /year The potential to reduce CO_2 emissions : 35 Mt- CO_2 /year

The findings - All sectors -

CO₂ emissions from all four sectors were to be reduced 876Mt-CO₂/year
The turnaround of nuclear energy policy would cause to increase 110 Mt-CO₂/year
The total CO₂ reduction by promoting the effective use of natural gas could offset the increase in CO₂ emissions resulting from the turnaround in nuclear energy policy

- The analysis indicated the importance of the role that natural gas played in Japan's energy system following the disaster.
- The results from this analysis suggest that Japan now requires an energy policy based on the promotion of advanced utilization of natural gas.
- Request in order to promote the utilization of natural gas
 - The expansion of domestic natural gas pipe line network
 - City gas companies take the lead in technological development
 - City gas companies make further efforts in their sales
 - Policy support, the understanding of natural gas utilization among policy makers