

**A Resolution to Request that it be made compulsory for Nuclear Power Companies to
Subscribe to a Nuclear Power Compensation that Corresponds to the Realities of the
Possible Damage**

All cars are required to subscribe to a compulsory automobile liability insurance. However this itself is not enough and so it is “common sense” for the driver to also voluntarily join an insurance plan that has unlimited bodily injury liability coverage.

However in the Atomic Energy Damage compensation law, although companies that run nuclear power stations are required to subscribe to a private nuclear power damage liability insurance, the limit of the insurance is 120 billion yen per plant, regardless of the number of nuclear reactors. When we look at the compensation toward the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear power plant, it is clear to all that the given insurance is far below the necessary amount.

When considering that normal individuals subscribe to voluntary car insurance, public institutions such as electric power companies should be required to subscribe to liability compensation that corresponds to the damages that could be caused. If not, when similar accidents occur such power companies will have to shutdown. This will ultimately put the financial burden on the citizens, or it will force the victims to grit their teeth and bare their losses.

November 5, 2013, in a lecture in Tokyo, chief cabinet secretary Suga Yoshihide stated that a revision of the nuclear damage compensation law was being considered, that would make the companies principally responsible for compensation for nuclear power accidents. At the earliest, these revisions will be made at an ordinary Diet session in 2014.

Furthermore, on December 13, 2013, it was reported in the new “Basic Energy Plan” that “nuclear power plants that have been authorized as safe by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will resume operations”.

As mayors with responsibilities to protect the lives and property of our citizens, we cannot accept the restart of nuclear power operations. This is in view of the fact that TEPCO has yet to clarify the causes of the accident, and has yet to manage it and in order prevent our citizens from facing such devastation ever again.

As long as nuclear power plants are built on an earthquake-prone archipelago, we will always have to face the risk of accidents occurring. With this reality, we strongly urge the government to require nuclear power plant companies to subscribe to a “liability compensation that corresponds to the damages caused” in the case of an accident, until the power plant is decommissioned. We urge that this revision be made in the nuclear damage compensation law.

Citizens carrying the burden of accident management, in the name of maintaining a private sector company, is something that we cannot accept.

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