

Answer to a Note Verbale from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea on 19th August 2019

27 August 2019
The Embassy of Japan in Korea

On 27 August 2019, Mr Tomofumi Nishinaga, Minister of the Embassy of Japan in Korea (hereinafter referred to as “the Embassy”), visited the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea (ROK’s MOFA) and explained the Government of Japan’s position on the treated water at Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO)’s Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station. The outline of the meeting is as follows. (A Note Verbale from the Government of Japan on the subject was delivered on this occasion.)

1 With regard to the questions noted in the Note Verbale dated 19 August issued by the ROK’s MOFA, the Embassy conveys the answers to such questions as an annex compiled by the Government of Japan.

(The contents of the annex are available at
https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2019/0827_001.html)

2 A briefing session on the multi-nuclide removal equipment (ALPS) treated water at TEPCO’s Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station for all the diplomatic missions in Tokyo will be held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan on 4 September 2019. Invitation has already been sent to all Embassies in Tokyo including the Embassy of the Republic of Korea.

3 The Government of Japan has been taking measures responsibly based on scientific evidence regarding the treated water at Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO)’s Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station. Taking this opportunity, the Government of Japan stresses the importance that any official announcement of various matters including this one by the Government of the Republic of Korea should be based on facts, and that all measures taken by the Government of the Republic of Korea should be based on scientific evidence.

4 While the visit of Minister of the Embassy to the ROK’s MOFA on 19 August was defined as a “summons and consultation” in the press release of ROK’s MOFA, the Minister did not in fact visit the ROK’s MOFA upon a summons by

the Government of the Republic of Korea but upon Japan's own request to explain its position on the ALPS treated water at TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, as is the case for today's visit. The Government of Japan therefore lodges a protest against the ROK's MOFA for such an announcement made on 19 August.

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