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## Radiation Monitoring in Hokkaido

On March 11th, 2011, the Tohoku area of Japan was hit by a magnitude 9.0 earthquake that caused a huge tidal wave to hit the east coast of Japan, causing catastrophic damage. In addition to the devastation to towns and villages along the coast of the Tohoku area, the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant sustained extensive damage, and work is currently continuing towards stabilizing the situation at the power plant.

As you are undoubtedly aware from various news and media reports, there are concerns that nuclear materials leaking from the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant are affecting other regions in Japan.

In light of these concerns, we would like to draw your attention to the following website.

[http://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/sm/gat/zenndoumonita\\_eng.htm](http://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/sm/gat/zenndoumonita_eng.htm)

This website is updated on a daily basis with radiation levels measured at 22 sites around the Hokkaido Electric Power Co., Inc. Tomari Nuclear Power Station, and at the radiation levels in the 13 subprefectures of Hokkaido.

As you can see from the data, radiation levels around the Tomari Nuclear Power Station and within the 13 subprefectural bureaus in Hokkaido **have remained normal.**

Please continue to check this homepage regularly for accurate information regarding the radiation levels detected in Hokkaido.

### Additional Information

On April 6th, 2011, the United Kingdom Foreign Office revised its travel advice for Japan, no longer advising against non-essential travel to Tokyo. The Foreign Office continues to advise against non-essential travel to the areas north east of Tokyo that were directly affected by the earthquake and tsunami.

[British Embassy Tokyo](#)

We would like to urge all residents and visitors to Hokkaido to remain calm, and to continue to obtain information regarding travel to and from Hokkaido and within Japan from official information sources. A list of websites is included below for reference.

[INTO Travel Advisory](#)

[International Civil Aviation Organization \(ICAO\)](#)

[International Air Transport Association \(IATA\)](#)

[International Atomic Energy Agency \(IAEA\)](#)

[World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

[International Maritime Organization \(IMO\)](#)

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