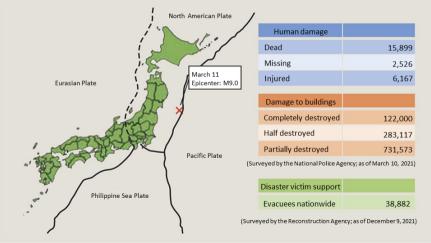


# Damage due to the Great East Japan Earthquake

- A 9.0-magnitude earthquake occurred off the coast of Sanriku at 14:46 p.m. on Friday, March 11, 2011. The
   Earthquake and subsequent tsunami caused severe damage mainly to the Tohoku region.
- The earthquake was the largest ever recorded in Japan and the fourth biggest in the world since 1900.



## **Accident at the Nuclear Power Station**

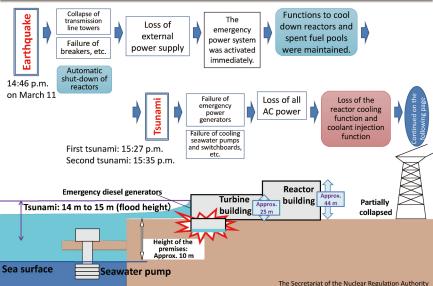


### Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO)'s Fukushima Daiichi NPS Unit 3 (shot from the air)

(Shot on March 16, 2011; Provided by TEPCO)

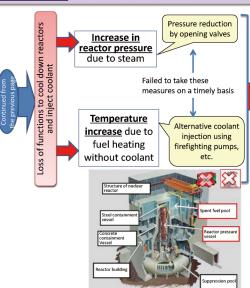
Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (NPS) Accident

### Factors of the Accident: (Estimated) Influence of the Earthquake and Tsunami



Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (NPS) Accident

## Factors of the Accident: (Estimated) Status within the Reactor



#### Events that occurred

- Generation of hydrogen due to waterzirconium reaction
  - →Hydrogen explosion
- ➤Overheat of core fuel
  - →Core melt

containment vessel.

- Deterioration of air tightness at the pressure vessel penetrator
   →Part of the melted fuel flowed down from the pressure vessel to the
- > Deterioration of the containment
  - vessel
    →Outflow of high-level radioactive-
  - →Discharge of radioactive materials into the air

#### —— Almost avoided –

◆ Steam explosion

contaminated water

- ◆ Recriticality
  - Fuel damage due to evaporation of coolant in the spent fuel pool

The Secretariat of the Nuclear Regulation Authority