Thyroid Thyroid Ultrasound Examination: Outline (1/3) Ultrasound Examination

	Category	Period	Eligible subjects
First examination	Preliminary Baseline Survey Ascertain children's thyroid status	Oct. 2011 - March 2014	Residents who were residing in Fukushima Prefecture at the time of the earthquake and were approximately 18 years old or younger (those born from April 2, 1992, to April 1, 2011)
Second examination	Full-scale Survey Make comparison with the results of the Preliminary Baseline Survey	April 2014 - March 2016	Those born from April 2, 1992, to April 1, 2012 Once every two years until becoming 20 years old, then once every five years after becoming 25 years old, for example, at the ages of 25, 30 and so on
Third examination		May 2016 - March 2018	
Fourth examination		April 2018 - - March 2020	
Fifth examination		April 2020 - March 2023	

Even though radiation effects are unlikely to be detected, ascertaining the current thyroid status of the relevant group of people is very important in order to monitor and support health for the long term. Therefore, the Thyroid Ultrasound Examination was conducted for all children in Fukushima Prefecture after the accident at Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO)'s Fukushima Daiichi NPS over a period of approximately two and a half years from October 2011 (Preliminary Baseline Survey).

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Then, in FY2014, the coverage was expanded to include those born from April 2, 2011, to April 1, 2012, and the Full-scale Survey was conducted as the second-round survey.

From the third-round survey onward, the participants receive examinations once every two years until they become 20 years old and once every five years thereafter.

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the fifth-round survey was conducted during the period of three years from FY2020 to FY2022.

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