

An Insider's Perspective in Response to the Fukushima Accident

Speaker: Kenji Tateiwa

Mr. Kenji Tateiwa will be providing vivid insider's perspectives in response to the Fukushima Daiichi accident. He will provide an overview of the 10-unit simultaneous accidents at both Fukushima Daiichi and Daini sites, lessons learned from the accident, safety enhancements at Tokyo Electric Power Company's (TEPCO) 7-unit Kashiwazaki Kariwa site, and the current decommissioning status and challenges at Fukushima Daiichi.

Mr. Kenji Tateiwa is Manager of Nuclear Power Programs at TEPCO's Washington, DC office, where he leads collaborative efforts with various organizations in the U.S. to enhance the safety of nuclear facilities based using lessons learned from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear accident. Kenji received his bachelor's and master's degrees in Nuclear Engineering from Kyoto University in Japan. He began his career at TEPCO in 1996 working at the Fukushima Daini site, then at TEPCO's headquarters in the Nuclear Engineering Department, specializing in severe accident analysis and PRA. After receiving MBA from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business in 2004, Kenji led TEPCO's involvement as a technical advisor and potential equity investor in the U.S. project to build 2 Advance Boiling Water Reactors at South Texas Project. Kenji has been involved with the Fukushima accident from day one, playing a key role as liaison between TEPCO and nuclear experts around the world, especially from the U.S., who supported TEPCO in the face of this unprecedented disaster. Since his assignment in Washington, DC in September 2011, he has shared first-hand accounts of the Fukushima accident and lessons learned on more than 150 occasions.