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Global Support for Fukushima
Decontamination and
Decommissioning and Clean-up
Efforts

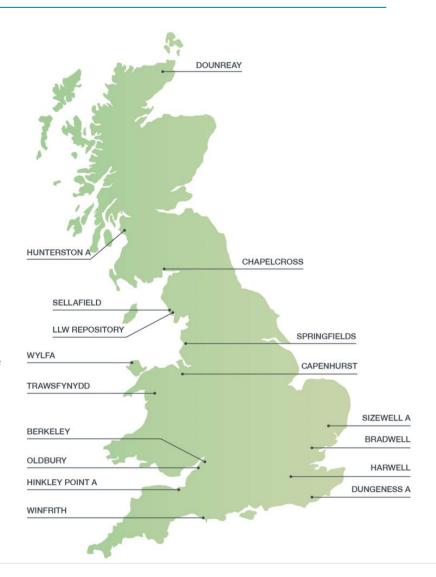
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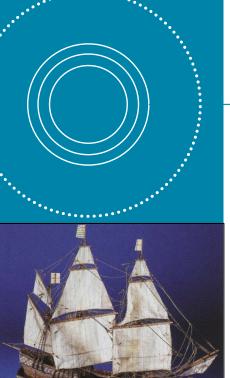




## NDA mission

- UK Government organisation formed in 2005
- Delivering the largest and most important environmental clean-up programme in Europe
  - £117bn (~\$150bn) over 120 years
- Cleaning-up 17 existing nuclear sites and safely managing all radioactive and non-radioactive waste products
- Retrieving, making safe and disposing of some of the most hazardous material in the world
- Developing the UK's waste management infrastructure to reduce the risks to this and future generations
- We own the largest industrial complex in Britain at Sellafield in West Cumbria
- We control expenditure of approx £3bn (~\$4bn) per year and pay the wages of around 16,000 employees vital to the UK economy and nuclear skills base





## **UK-Japan History**

1600

First Briton – William Adams - arrives in Japan!

1613

Trading relations established

1858

British Diplomatic Mission established

1966

Tokai 1 Magnox reactor start up

1970s

- THORP built with Japanese utility finance to reprocess LWR fuel
- Spent fuel transported from Japan to UK for reprocessing

1990s

- THORP Commissioned
- UK Nuclear Office established in Tokyo (now INS Japan)

2010

• First return of vitrified HLW to Japan from UK







## UK-Japan Decommissioning and Clean-up Collaboration 2011 - 2017

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- March: The accident
- May June: IAEA Mission led by UK's Mike Weightman
- October: UK Embassy hosts "Beyond Cold Shutdown" symposium

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- April: UK-Japan Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement: Establishes annual Nuclear Dialogue meetings
- June: NDA & Sellafield visit TEPCO
- Winter: Nuclear R&D event UK Suppliers visit Japan /TEPCO delegation visits the UK

2013

• Many more exchange visits, dialogues and workshops

2014

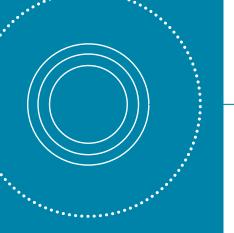
September: TEPCO-Sellafield co-operation agreement signed

2015

February: NDA-NDF co-operation agreement signed

2016

- Dialogue continues
- UK Japan Nuclear Industry Forum (inc. new build) agreement signed
- UK trade mission to Japan covering decommissioning and new build
- Attended by over 100 Japanese & UK companies
- Supported by both Trade Associations (NIA and JAIF)
- Japanese utilities tour of UK nuclear decommisisoning sites





## **Areas of specific support**

## Sellafield – TEPCO collaboration

- · Site management
- · Environmental management
- Radiation protection
- Project management
- Design engineering
- Stakeholder engagement

#### **INS & UK Embassy**

- Support to Japan and promoting greater understanding of UK expertise
- Support to UK companies providing decommissioning services

#### **ONR-NRA**

- · Emergency planning
- Enabling Regulation

#### **NDA-NDF**

- Stakeholder dialogue
- Strategy development
- Regulatory approach
- Integrated waste management
- Organisational structure
- Introduction of UK institutional system

#### NDA-IRID

International Expert Group

#### **NNL**

- NNL & Collaborative Laboratories for Advanced Decommissioning Science (CLADS)
- Hot labs

#### **Health Protection Agency**

 Post-accident contamination level advice



## Returning to normality

#### Evacuation based on dose rates (20mSv/y)

- 81,000 evacuees (METI)
- Many cases of evacuation stress & transfer trauma
- After plant stabilization these outweighed the radiological hazards of returning
- Levels in most evacuated areas not greater than the natural background

#### October 2012

- ~1000 disaster-related deaths (Reconstruction Agency)
- Not radiation-induced or earthquake or tsunami related
- Similar number among evacuees from tsunami and earthquake affected prefectures

#### 2013

 "Radiation exposure following the nuclear accident at Fukushima Daiichi did not cause any immediate health effects. It is unlikely to be able to attribute any health effects in the future among the general public and the vast majority of workers." UNSCEAR

#### Was evacuation worth it?

- Would it have been undertaken if <u>all</u> health impacts assessed?
- Chernobyl also demonstrates onset of "compensation culture"



# Fukushima Prefecture: The road to recovery





#### The vision for revitalization of Fukushima Prefecture



"I will go forward with residents and municipalities hand in hand to revive 'FUKUSHIMA', which is widely known to the world due to the nuclear accident, to "A new Fukushima" in which we can take pride to the world.

Yuhei Sato, July 2011 Governor, Fukushima Prefecture 2006-14

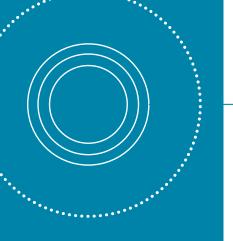


Mascot character Fukushima Prefecture Kibitan Family



"The dark days are becoming brighter and the outlook is becoming more positive. Our aim is to create a "New Fukushima" filled once again with happiness and hope. That is our firm commitment."

Masao Uchibori, October 2016 Governor, Fukushima Prefecture 2014 -







## Conclusion

- UK & Japan have a long history & cultural understanding
- UK & Japan have a long nuclear history
- Fukushima Daiichi accident highly complex
  - Would test any nation
  - Successfully transitioning from emergency to recovery and looking forward to a new future
  - Confident Japan can do this on its own, but the global nuclear family is working to support its mission
  - UK stance has been to act as a trusted friend and offer advice when it has been sought
  - UK specialist companies working at Fukushima Daiichi
    - Createc, Oxford Technologies, AMECFW, James Fisher Nuclear, Cavendish



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