

# Japan's 3.11 Earthquake, Tsunami, Atomic Meltdown

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## ***II. Resources on the 3.11 Earthquake Tsunami and Nuclear Meltdown: Societal and Government Responses. English and Japanese sources.***

- This is a project in progress. Please send suggestions for important additions, including a brief description and URL, to Matthew Penney at [penneym@hotmail.com](mailto:penneym@hotmail.com)

## **1. Blogs and Twitter**

*The Wall Street Journal's* blog "Japan Realtime" offers eclectic commentary on contemporary Japan. The focus is on economic issues but the blog has presented solid original reportage on Fukushima since March.

<http://blogs.wsj.com/japanrealtime/>

A series of original translations on issues relating to the Tsunami and nuclear crisis from a McGill University translation seminar organized by Prof. Adrienne Hurley.

<https://east306.wordpress.com/>

The blog Global Voices features the work of volunteer translators who strive to spread awareness of local perspectives that often end up lost in mainstream reportage. Highlights of the Fukushima coverage include "A Nuclear Gypsy's Tale"

<http://globalvoicesonline.org/2011/08/03/japan-a-nuclear-gypsy's-tale/>

<http://globalvoicesonline.org/-/world/east-asia/japan/>

A collection of links and commentary in French

<http://fukushima.over-blog.fr/>

Twitter stream for Fukushima articles and info in English

<http://twitter.com/#!/fukushimaeng>

On the Peace Philosophy Centre blog, Asia-Pacific Journal Coordinator Satoko Norimatsu presents a range of hard-hitting criticisms of the Japanese government and TEPCO responses to the Fukushima crisis including original translations of sources not otherwise available in English and extensive Japanese and English language coverage of official, NGO and blog sources.

<http://peacephilosophy.blogspot.com/>

Ten Thousand Things is a blog Supporting Positive Peace in Japan, the Asia-Pacific and Everywhere which includes extensive coverage of peace and environmental movements.

<http://tenthousandthingsfromkyoto.blogspot.com/>

English and Japanese blog specializing in 3.11 economic and financial issues.

<http://ex-skf.blogspot.com/>

<http://ex-skf-jp.blogspot.com/>

## 2. NGOs and Informational Websites

Green Action Kyoto, an NGO which has campaigned against nuclear power since the early 1990s, presents a comprehensive and critical blog of Fukushima stories in English drawing on government, media and NGO sources.

<http://fukushima.greenaction-japan.org/>

True to its mandate, Greenpeace has presented some of the most critical coverage of the Fukushima nuclear disaster. Greenpeace, in February 2012, published a major [critical overview](#) of the 3.11 disaster and crisis. The study examines the nuclear meltdown, assesses the dangers of radiation, the fundamental failure of the Japanese nuclear system, and the issues of compensation to victims.

<http://www.greenpeace.org/international/en/campaigns/nuclear/safety/accidents/Fukushima-nuclear-disaster/>

The Citizens' Nuclear Information Centre is a longstanding organization that aims to provide information about nuclear energy and its risks to the Japanese public. Their bi-monthly newsletter is a valuable source of information on nuclear issues.

<http://www.cnic.jp/english/>

They also offer a blog containing video resources and links to important anti-nuclear publications

<http://cnic-movie.blogspot.com/>

The website of Japan's Institute for Sustainable Energy Policies, an NGO devoted to phasing out atomic energy. English and Japanese sites.

<http://www.isep.or.jp/>

<http://www.isep.or.jp/en>

The Japanese website of leading nuclear protest organizer "Shiroto no Ran".

<http://trio4.nobody.jp/keita/>

A collection of hundreds of anti-nuclear posters.

<http://nonukeart.org/>

National Network to Protect Children from Radiation (in Japanese)

<http://kodomozenkokunet.sblo.jp/>

EShift, a Japanese network dedicated to phasing out atomic energy in favor of natural renewables.

<http://e-shift.org/>

Fukushima coverage by the *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*.

<http://www.thebulletin.org/web-edition/special-topics/japan-focus-collection-of-the-bulletins-coverage>

<http://www.thebulletin.org/web-edition/roundtables/fukushima-what-dont-we-know>

Arnie Gunderson's Fairewinds Associates provides critical analysis of global nuclear issues by scientist. It has closely followed the Fukushima situation.

<http://www.fairewinds.org/updates>

The Institute for Energy and Environmental Research, a group which aims to provide concise and easily understood commentary on

important scientific issues for the general public

<http://www.ieer.org/>

The Atomic Age: From Hiroshima to the Present is a resource maintained at the University of Chicago

<http://lucian.uchicago.edu/blogs/atomicage/>

Environmental Network News covers a range of environmental issues

<http://www.enn.com/>

### 3. Japanese Mass Media (Mainly Japanese language sources)

Japan Today:

<http://www.japantoday.com/>

A general English language news site, but they are often fastest in providing Kyodo's news reports.

Japanese public broadcaster NHK's most recent updates on Fukushima and Nuclear Power (in Japanese).

<http://www3.nhk.or.jp/news/genpatsu-fukushima/top/index.html>



Yomiuri Shimbun's Japanese language Fukushima section.

<http://www.yomiuri.co.jp/feature/TO000303/>

Nikkei's Japanese language "Nuclear Crisis" section.

<http://www.nikkei.com/news/special/top/q=9694E3E0E2E1E0E2E3E3E5E6E2EA;p=9694E3E0E2E1E0E2E3E3E5E6E2E1;o=9694E3E0E2E1E0E2E3E3E5E6E2E0>

Asahi's Japanese nuclear news page.

[http://www.asahi.com/special/10005/index\\_npp.html](http://www.asahi.com/special/10005/index_npp.html)

Mainichi Japanese nuclear section.

<http://mainichi.jp/select/weathernews/20110311/nuclear/>

#### 4. Government and TEPCO Sources

The website of the Japan Atomic Energy Agency. Japanese and English

<http://www.jaea.go.jp/english/>

<http://www.jaea.go.jp/>

Japanese Cabinet's "Countermeasures for the Great East Japan Earthquake" and other official statements on the disaster and response (English language)

<http://www.kantei.go.jp/foreign/incident/index.html>

TEPCO official updates in English by the power company responsible for the Fukushima plants. (Japanese, Chinese and Korean texts available)

<http://www.tepco.co.jp/en/index-e.html>

<http://www.tepco.co.jp/index-j.html>

TEPCO Fukushima Daiichi press releases (in Japanese)

[http://www.tepco.co.jp/nu/f1-np/press\\_f1/2011/2011-j.html](http://www.tepco.co.jp/nu/f1-np/press_f1/2011/2011-j.html)

MEXT radiation monitoring English and Japanese sites

<http://www.mext.go.jp/en/news/topics/detail/1372735.htm>

<http://www.mext.go.jp/>

Radiation data from across Japan provided by Japan's Ministry of Science (in Japanese).

<http://atmc.jp/>

The US Department of Energy's Fukushima site

<http://energy.gov/articles/us-department-energy-releases-radiation-monitoring-data-fukushima-area>

The French IRSN's English-language documents on Fukushima

[http://www.irsn.fr/EN/news/Pages/201103\\_seism-in-japan.aspx](http://www.irsn.fr/EN/news/Pages/201103_seism-in-japan.aspx)

<http://tanakaryusaku.jp/>

## 5. Japanese Blogs and Websites

Blogger “Zama Miyagare” aggregates top news from the 35 most widely read blogs on the nuclear power issue

<http://blog.livedoor.jp/amenohimoharenohimo/>

Koide Hiroaki’s “Hikoushiki Matome” is the blog of a Kyoto University nuclear researcher who aims to provide alternative information on the Fukushima crisis

<http://hiroakikoide.wordpress.com/about/>

The magazine *Diamond*, and particularly its political writer Uesugi Takashi, have presented some of the most detailed critiques of the Japanese government’s response to Fukushima

<http://diamond.jp/category/s-uesugi>

Iwakami Yasumi is a freelance journalist whose web journal closely follows issues relating to Fukushima radiation

<http://iwakamiyasumi.com/>

Tanaka Ryusaku is an independent investigative journalist whose blog contains varied information about Fukushima and anti-nuclear protests

“Save Child” was a website that focused on issues relating to radiation and public health, particularly the exposure of Fukushima children

<http://web.archive.org/web/20160503033936/http://savechild.net/>

Our Planet TV is an alternative media site that has paid strong attention to the issue of radiation exposure of Fukushima children

<http://www.ourplanet-tv.org/?q=taxonomy/term/83>

Video News is an alternative, advertising free news source. The site features interviews about Fukushima with scientists and activists who aim to provide alternatives to mainstream media and government perspectives

<http://www.videonews.com/>

Gendai Business, one of Japan’s leading business magazines, has distinguished itself with hard-hitting Fukushima coverage

<http://gendai.ismedia.jp/>

The website of LDP Diet member Kohno Taro who has consistently criticised his own party’s line on energy policy

<http://www.taro.org/>

The Jiyu Hodo Kyokai (Free Broadcast Group)

runs an alternative news site called simply *The News*

<http://the-news.jp/>

Blogger Kinoshita Kouta aims to draw attention to the dangers of radiation

<http://blog.goo.ne.jp/nagaikenji20070927>

Onuma Yasushi blogs in the form of a “Personal Newspaper”. He has amassed hundreds of links to pieces relating to Fukushima and contamination

<http://onuma.cocolog-nifty.com/blog1/>

The “Genpatsu” blog aims to translate foreign news stories into Japanese

<http://genpatsu.wordpress.com/>

The “Fukushima Network for Saving Children from Radiation” is organizing protests and providing alternative information for Fukushima parents

<http://kodomofukushima.net/>

“Chu-Oni” (Middle Ogre) and “Ou-Oni” (Big Ogre) break down everything from official radiation statistics to anti-nuclear public opinion

<http://onihutari.blog60.fc2.com/blog-entry-67.html>