

Fukushima's "Caldrons of Hell": More than 300 Tons of Highly Radioactive Water Generated Daily

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[Asahi Shimbun](#), May 1, 2015 (emphasis added): Yauemon Sato, the ninth-generation chief of a sake brewery operating here since 1790 [and president of electric power company Aizu Denryoku] **likenes the crippled reactors at the Fukushima No. 1 nuclear power plant to "caldrons of hell."** In a recent interview with The Asahi Shimbun, Sato said **the nuclear disaster "continues to recur every day"**... Excerpts from the interview follow: *Question:* What drives you to be so active, including in the use of renewable energy? — *Sato:* You know the caldron of hell? **You will be sent to hell and will be boiled in that caldron if you do evil.** And there are **four such caldrons in Fukushima**... And **the disaster has yet to end. It continues to recur every day.** More than 300 tons of water, contaminated with intense levels of radioactive substances, are being generated every day...

[Hiroaki Koide, professor at Kyoto Univ. Research Reactor Institute \(retired\)](#), Apr 24, 2015:



- 11:30 - The Prime Minister [said Fukushima] had been brought to a close. My reaction on hearing his words was, 'Stop kidding.' Reality is, though 4 years have passed, the accident has not yet been brought to a close at all.
- 15:15 - What is the situation within the core? How much has melted? Where is the fuel exactly? We do not know... This is **an accident of a severity that cannot be imagined anywhere else**... As you can see, we are facing a very, very difficult situation. The only choice that we have open to us is to somehow keep the situation from getting worse.
- 30:30 - We are in a **very terrible situation, I would even call it a crisis.**
- 55:30 - The Japanese government has issued a declaration that this is an emergency situation. As a result, normal laws do not have to be followed. What they are saying is that, in these very high radiation exposure level areas, they have basically abandoned people to live there. **They've actually thrown them away** to live there... The Cs-137 that's fallen onto Japanese land in the Tohoku

and **Kanto regions**, so much so that this area **should all be put under the radiation control area designation** [the Kanto region includes Tokyo and is home to over 40 million people].

- 1:01:00 - I really do want to impress upon you that the accident effects are continuing.
- 1:02:00 - *Bahrain's Ambassador to Japan*: If you were the Prime Minister of Japan, what are you going to do with this very complicated situation?... *Koide*: When you have an emergency legally declared, regular laws are put on hold. What that means is **people** can be **thrown away** into areas where normally people should not be... The first thing I would do as Prime Minister is **evacuate all the children that are in the contaminated areas**.
- [Watch Koide's presentation here](#)

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