

# 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] likens 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.
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