



Fukushima Fuel Pools and Ongoing Dangers

福島の燃料プールと引き続

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For critical reporting on Japan's nuclear industry and continuing difficulties at the Fukushima Daiichi site, Japanese television has not kept up with the country's print media. There have been some powerful reports, however.

One important example was aired on March 8, 2012 as part of Asahi TV's "[Morning Bird](#)" program. An example of entertaining talk television, "Morning Bird" has taken an increasingly critical stand on nuclear power under the direction of regular commentator Tamakawa Toru.

In the program embedded with English subtitles below, Tamakawa discusses the work of Koide Hiroaki, a Research Associate at the Research Reactor Institute of Kyoto University and one of Japan's most prominent anti-nuclear campaigners. The *Asia-Pacific Journal* has previously carried a translation of Koide's interview with [Le Monde](#) and a [translation](#) of his detailed call for the abolition of nuclear power.

On "Morning Bird" Tamakawa draws upon Koide's writing to highlight the fact that that the Fukushima crisis is ongoing and that while radiation release is now limited, "danger" has not passed. He draws attention to the spent fuel pool near the No. 4 reactor and the continuing threat of emissions.

This video highlights ongoing challenges as well as the efforts of Japanese journalists and critical academics to challenge official silences.

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