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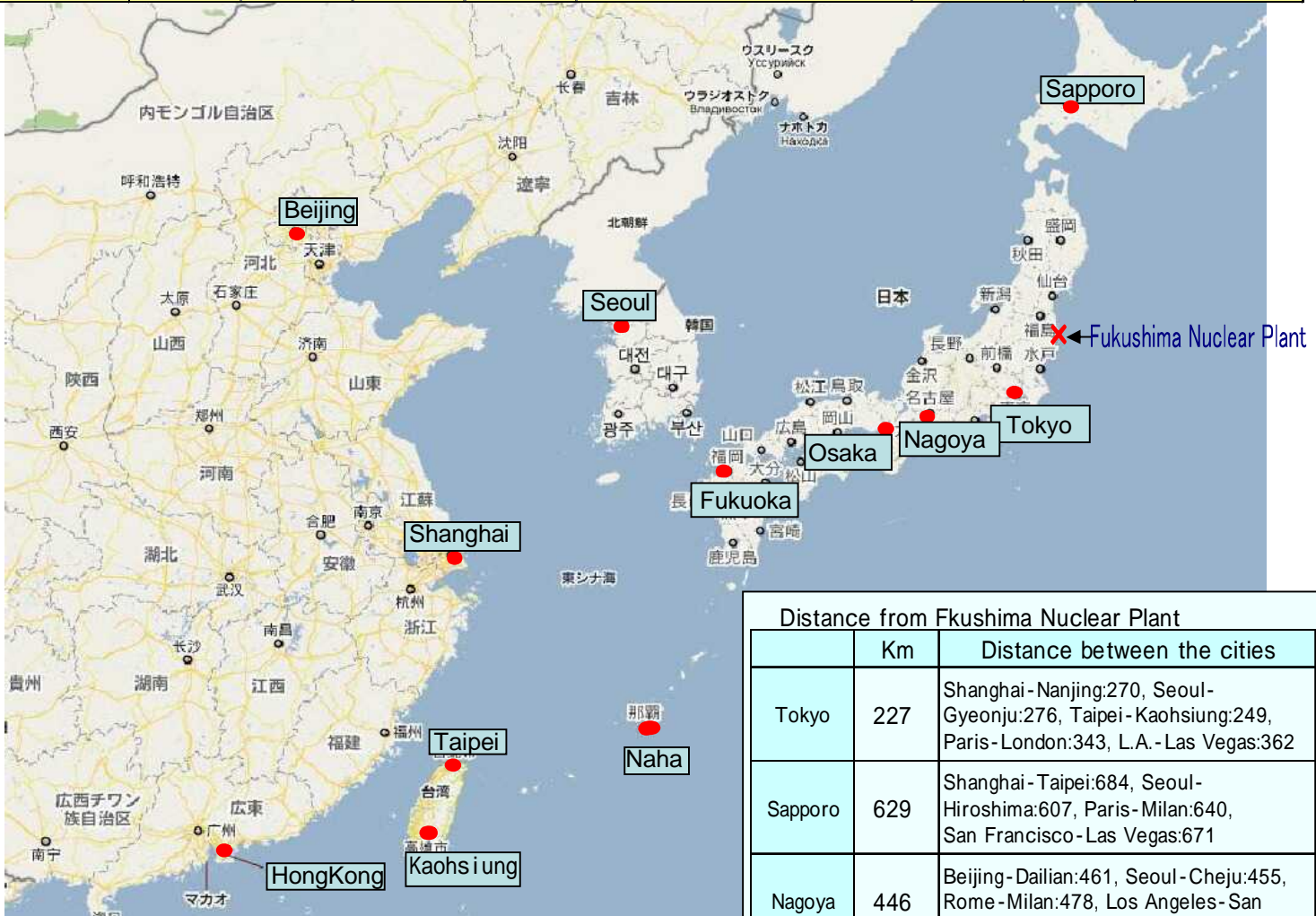
This time, let us talk about Japan. Almost two months have passed since the earthquake and tsunami hit Tohoku region in Japan. Many countries lowered or lifted their travel alert to Japan, but we feel many visitors are still hesitant to visit Japan.

Some news & articles shown in other countries explain as though the whole nation is damaged by the earthquake & tsunami, and is exposed to radiation. But as we reported on Vol.5, the radiation level in Tokyo, 230km away from Fukushima, is not at the level of danger. The areas even further away have no damages or effects what so ever from the earthquake & radiation problem.

Here are comparison of the distance between the cities and the Fukushima nuclear plant.

unit : km

	200	400	600	800	1,000	1,200	1,400	1,600	1,800	2,000
Fukushima nuclear plant		Tokyo	★ Nagoya	★ Sapporo		★ Fukuoka	★ Seoul			★ Naha
			★ Osaka	★ Hiroshima	★ Pusan					★ Shanghai



Distance from Fkushima Nuclear Plant		
	Km	Distance between the cities
Tokyo	227	Shanghai-Nanjing:270, Seoul-Gyeongju:276, Taipei-Kaohsiung:249, Paris-London:343, L.A.-Las Vegas:362
Sapporo	629	Shanghai-Taipei:684, Seoul-Hiroshima:607, Paris-Milan:640, San Francisco-Las Vegas:671
Nagoya	446	Beijing-Dailian:461, Seoul-Cheju:455, Rome-Milan:478, Los Angeles-San Jose:493
Osaka	583	Seoul-Fukuoka:540, Seoul-Hiroshima:607, San Francisco-Los Angeles:560, Barcelona-Madrid:506
Hiroshima	844	Shanghai-Fukuoka:879, Taipei-Hong Kong:816, Shanghai-Seoul:867, Rome-Barcelona:859
Fukuoka	1,053	Shanghai-Hiroshima:1085, Seoul-Nagoya:928, Seoul-Tokyo:1154, Shanghai-Beijing:1069
Naha	1,770	Beijing-Osaka:1783, Shanghai-Tokyo:1760, Beijing-Taipei:1718, Taipei-Osaka:1715

Sapporo: Center of Hokkaido Island. Snow Festival and Winter Activities..... 629km away from Fukushima, equivalent to the distance between Paris ~ Milan, Seoul ~ Hiroshima.

Nagoya: Center of Honshu. Has 3rd largest International Airport..... 446km away from Fukushima, equivalent to Rome ~ Milan or L.A. ~ San Jose.

Osaka: 3rd largest city in Japan. Located next to Kyoto. Popular place for foreign visitors..... 583km away from Fukushima, equivalent to Fukuoka ~ Seoul, L.A. ~ San Francisco

Hiroshima : Famous for Peace Park, Miyajima Island and Itsukushima Shrine (World Heritage)..... 844km away from Fukushima, equivalent to Shanghai ~ Fukuoka, Seoul ~ Osaka, or Rome ~Barcelona.

Fukuoka : Cruises from Korea & China are popular. Largest city in Kyushu.....over 1000km away from Fukushima, equivalent to Seoul ~ Tokyo, or Paris ~ Rome.

Naha : Most popular resort in Japan. over 1770km away from Fukushima, equivalent to Beijing ~ Osaka, Shanghai ~ Tokyo, or Rome ~ London.