

Cold Snap Drives Up Japanese Generation

Japan's 10 major power utilities collectively generated a new record 3226 GWh of power as a cold snap across the country drove up consumption, according to the Federation of Electric Power Companies. There have been three days this January that the country's power use surpassed a previous all-time record high for winter. The last high, at 3221 GWh, was recorded on 18 January. Nagoyabased Chubu Electric Power Co, which caters to central Japan, reported its own record-high generation at 488 GWh on 22 January. The third-largest power producer in Japan after Tepco and Kansai Electric, Chubu's new high was spurred by 4.4 degrees Celsius daytime temperatures in central Japan. Japan's power producers rely on nuclear facilities to meet the country's baseload demand, which is supplemented with gas-fired generation, and oil-fuelled thermal power plants are often pressed into service to meet peak requirements.

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