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On March 11, 2011, a massive earthquake and tsunami struck Japan, triggering a nuclear disaster at the Fukushima Daiichi power plant. The earthquake, which had a magnitude of 9.0, was the most powerful to hit Japan in recorded history. The tsunami that followed was up to 40 feet high and devastated coastal areas of the country.

The Fukushima Daiichi power plant is located on the coast of the Pacific Ocean, about 150 miles north of Tokyo. The plant has six reactors, each of which can generate about 1,000 megawatts of electricity.

When the earthquake struck, the reactors at Fukushima Daiichi were automatically shut down. However, the tsunami that followed flooded the plant's backup power systems, which are needed to keep the reactors cool. Without cooling, the reactors began to overheat.

The overheating reactors released large amounts of radiation into the environment. The radiation spread over a wide area, contaminating soil, water, and food. The disaster forced hundreds of thousands of people to evacuate their homes.

The cleanup efforts at Fukushima Daiichi are ongoing. The Japanese government is working to stabilize the reactors and remove the radioactive debris. The cleanup is expected to take many years and cost billions of dollars.

The Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster was the worst nuclear accident since the Chernobyl disaster in 1986. The disaster has raised serious questions about the safety of nuclear power. In the wake of the disaster, many countries have decided to phase out their nuclear power plants.

The Earthquake

The earthquake that struck Japan on March 11, 2011, was the most powerful to hit the country in recorded history. The earthquake had a magnitude of 9.0 and was centered off the coast of the Tohoku region. The earthquake caused widespread damage and loss of life.

The earthquake triggered a tsunami that was up to 40 feet high. The tsunami devastated coastal areas of Japan, destroying homes, businesses, and infrastructure. The tsunami also caused widespread flooding.

The earthquake and tsunami caused the deaths of more than 15,000 people. The disaster also displaced hundreds of thousands of people from their homes.

The Nuclear Disaster

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The Aftermath

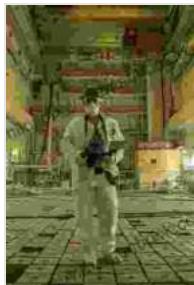
The Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster has had a profound impact on Japan. The disaster has caused widespread fear and anxiety about the safety of nuclear power. In the wake of the disaster, many countries have decided to phase out their nuclear power plants.

The disaster has also had a significant economic impact on Japan. The cleanup efforts are expected to cost billions of dollars. The disaster has also disrupted supply chains and caused a decline in tourism.

The Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster is a reminder of the potential dangers of nuclear power. The disaster has raised serious questions about the safety of nuclear power plants and the future of nuclear energy.

The Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster was a major tragedy. The disaster caused widespread death and destruction, and it has had a profound impact on Japan. The disaster has also raised serious questions about the safety of nuclear power.

The cleanup efforts at Fukushima Daiichi are ongoing, and it is likely to be many years before the full extent of the damage is known. The disaster is a reminder of the potential dangers of nuclear power, and it is important to learn from the mistakes that were made.



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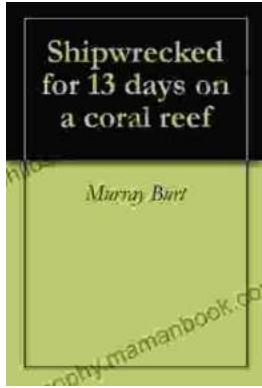
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