

Fukushima tap water wins Monde Selection gold award

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FUKUSHIMA – Tap water from the city of Fukushima has won the second-highest prize in the Monde Selection, one of the most prestigious quality awards in the world, according to the city government.

The Fukushima Municipal Government hopes that winning the Gold Quality Award will help to dispel negative rumors stemming from the March 2011 triple reactor meltdown at the Fukushima No. 1 nuclear plant, which sits on lower ground about 60 km southeast.

The plant sits on the Pacific coast, where is still leaking highly contaminated water into the ocean.

Fukushima's tap water became the seventh type from Japan to take first or second prize. The city sells its water under the Fukushima no Mizu brand for ¥100 per 500-ml bottle.

No radioactive material has been detected in Fukushima's tap water since April 2011, as in any tap water in the country.