

Shortages threaten Japan's exports

Shutdowns of Japanese quake-damaged factories, fuel shortages and power outages in the Tokyo area threaten supplies of products ranging from microchips to car parts used by manufacturers worldwide

Ports closed: Sendai, Hitachinaka, Kashima

1 Toyota: Halted production at 18 assembly plants

2 Honda: Production halted until Sunday

3 Mazda: Limited parts production

4 Suzuki: One plant working on single-shift basis

5 Fujitsu: Plans to partially re-start semiconductor factory on Sunday – last of its 6 plants to re-open

6 Canon: Two camera plants on Kyushu closed

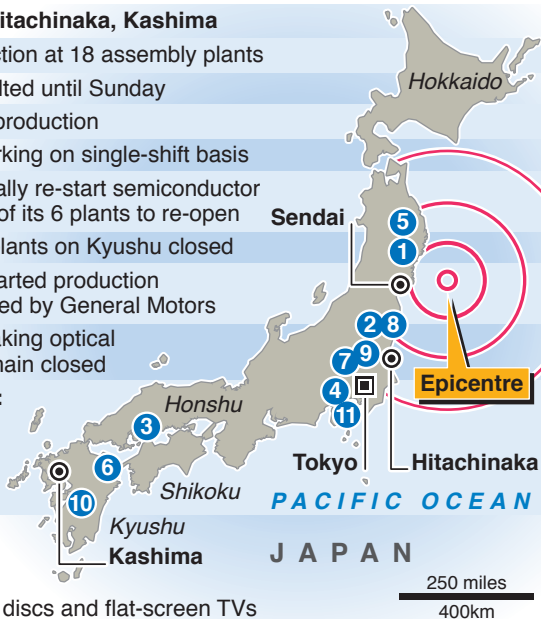
7 Hitachi: Partially re-started production of lithium ion batteries used by General Motors

8 Panasonic: Plants making optical and audio equipment remain closed

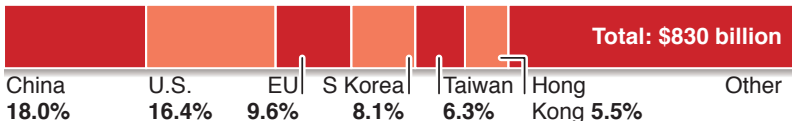
9 Renesas Electronics: Three factories making micro-controllers closed due to power blackouts and quake damage

10 Sony: Reduced production at 5 plants in southern Japan making cameras, lenses, Blu-ray discs and flat-screen TVs

11 Shin-Etsu Chemical: Silicon wafer factory shutdown



Japan's main export markets (2010)



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