High-Power Test Facilities: Renewal of Outdoor Disconnectors

High-power test facilities are used for short-circuit tests of circuit breakers and high power arc tests of insulator sets, power cables, and transformers to ensure their safety and performance. Outdoor disconnectors are used to connect transformers and terminals in test yards and are required for high current flow of 80kA. To maintain the testing ability of high-power test facilities, outdoor disconnectors installed in 1963 were renewed.

Outdoor disconnectors were used to flow short-circuit currents from transformers to test yards. The outdoor disconnectors are used in combination to suit test voltages and currents.

Specifications

(1) Disconnectors
   (a) 115kV Vertical Break disconnector
       Open-close mechanism: One pole vertical break, Operating mechanism: motor drive (50Hz, 200V)
       Rated short time withstand current: 100kA rms, 2s, 250kA peak
       Rated voltage: 115kV, Rated current: 4000A, Number: 26
   (b) 115kV Horizontal Break disconnector
       Open-close mechanism: Double side horizontal break, Operating mechanism: motor drive (50Hz, 200V)
       Rated short time withstand current: 50kA rms., 2s, 125kA peak
       Rated voltage: 115kV, Rated current: 4000A, Number: 3 (3-unit interlock operation)
   (c) 23kV disconnector
       Open-close mechanism: One pole vertical break, Operating mechanism: motor drive (50Hz, 200V)
       Rated short time withstand current: 20kA rms., 2s, 50kA peak
       Rated voltage: 23kV, Rated current: 800A, Number: 4 (Three pole: 1, single pole: 3)

(2) Control system
   Renewal outdoor disconnector control software

(3) Supervisory system
   Installation of video camera system for supervisory of disconnector contacts

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Photo 1: 115kV Vertical Break disconnector (Open)
Photo 2: 115kV Horizontal Break disconnector (3-unit interlock operation)