Sixth Dialogue on the Rehabilitation of Living Conditions after the Fukushima Accident

"Facing the Situation of Iitate People Together"

- How to improve their living conditions? -

July 6 and 7, 2013

Venue: Fukushima City Health and Welfare Center, 5F, Convention Hall (tel: 024-525-7670)

http://www.city.fukushima.fukushima.jp/soshiki/36/shisetu-yakusho24-1.html

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in cooperation with
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and

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Related sites

ICRP Tsusin: http://icrp-tsushin.jp/ Ethos in Fukushima: http://ethos-fukushima.blogspot.jp/

Presentation:

In its recommendations for the protection of people living in long term contaminated territories, the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) emphasizes the effectiveness of directly involving the affected population and local professionals in the management of the situation, and the responsibility of authorities at both national and local levels to create conditions and provide means favouring the involvement and empowerment of the population.

In this perspective, **ICRP** initiated a dialogue in fall 2011 between representatives of the Fukushima Prefecture, local professionals, local communities, representatives of Belarusian, Norwegian and French organisations with direct experience in managing long-term consequences of the Chernobyl accident and the Committee on Radiation Protection and Public Health of NEA/OECD to find ways to respond to **the challenges of the long term rehabilitation of living conditions** in the areas affected by the Fukushima nuclear power plant accident.

The First Dialogue in November 2011 fostered a useful discussion among stakeholders on the situation in the affected areas and on their concerns.

The Second Dialogue in February 2012 focused on the problems of the local citizens and recognized progress in understanding the situation together with the value in sharing experience on the rehabilitation of living conditions in the affected areas. They also voiced serious concerns regarding the situation.

The Third Dialogue in July 2012 focused primarily on the complex problem of contaminated foodstuffs and allowed all concerned parties, including producers, distributers and consumers, to have a constructive dialogue on strategies and management procedures to improve the quality of products

and to regain the confidence of consumers.

The Fourth Dialogue focused on the education of children at school using knowledge gained through the first three Dialogues. The participants stressed the importance of disseminating "practical radiation protection culture" which should be based on ethical and cultural considerations in addition to science to empower the affected community. In this regard, radiation monitoring was recognized as an important tool to allow individuals to grasp the radiological situation. In addition, the memory and experience of the accident were recognized for their hardships and sacrifices, but also for the positive aspects.

The **Fifth Dialogue** dealt with the delicate issue of "returning **or not, staying or not**" in the affected areas; the decision of which depends on not only on the radiological situation of the area, but on all other dimensions of daily life. The difficulty of the issue included not only the choice but the fact that the time is running out while making a choice. Discussion by all involved parties; inhabitants, school teachers, professionals doctors and authorities, and those who have experiences of Chernobyl, depicted the issues of concern and identified the values to share to move forward in this difficult situation of post accident in Fukushima.

This **Sixth Dialogue** will discuss the present situation and the challenges being faced by the citizens of Iitate. After the evacuation on April 22^{nd} , 2011 people were cut off from their own land, and living in exile. Now, more than two years later, they are facing the difficult decision of whether to prepare for returning to their homes or not. Some have already chosen to live in a new place and will not return to Iitate. Others are still grappling with the complex situation, hesitant in their decision to return or not, and yet feeling the pressure of passing time.

A range of stakeholders, organizations, inhabitants, teachers, doctors, authorities and those with Chernobyl experiences will come together to present the situation of the litate people, to understand the problems being faced, and to discuss the way forward.

Meeting structure

Simultaneous translation:

Simultaneous translation of Japanese and English are available using provided headsets.

Two types of the sessions:

Morning sessions are to share information.

Afternoon sessions are to exchange ideas, to uncover and explore problems, and to discuss a possible future direction.

Reception

A reception is held after the afternoon session of July 6th at Loren and Leaf which is free to everyone attending the Dialogue.

http://tabelog.com/fukushima/A0701/A070101/7000261/

Programme

The 1st day: July 6th (Saturday)

9:30-10:00 Opening

Chair: Jacques Lochard Co-chair: Junichiro Tada

Greetings: Jacques Lochard, ICRP

Self Introduction: All participants with name, profession and experiences **Introducton:** Mayor Norio Kanno on "Progress of litate in the past two years"

10:00-11:00 Session 1: Current problems and challenges

Dose of litate (20 min)

Yuzo Manpuku (Iitate, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery)

In house doses (20 min)

Hiroko Yoshida (Tohoku University)

Creating people's own measure stick to cope with the situation (20 min)

Nobuhiko Ban (Tokyo Health Care University)

11:00-11:10 Coffee break

11:10-12:20 Session 1: Current problems and challenges

Medicare of litate (20 min)

Yumiko Tsuchiya (Iitate, public health nurse)

Medical situations in litate (20 min)

Makoto Miyazaki (Fukushima Medical University)

Trials to recover litate (20 min)

Tadashi Ogawa

Risk communication in Iitate (10 min)

Keiichi Nakagawa

12:20-13:20 Lunch

13:20-14:30 Session 2: A testimony from Belarus

Life in Bragin (30 min)

Anastassia Fedosenko (Bragin area in Belarus, Food inspection in krasnoie District)

Bragin and Fukushima (20 min)

Ryoko Ando (Iwaki, NPO Ethos in Fukushima)

Discussion (20 min)

14:30-14:40 Coffee break

14:40-16:40 Session 3: Dialogue on improving the situation of the Iitate people. Part 1: What are the main problems?

Facilitator: Jacques Lochard;

Rapporteur: Jean-François Lecomte and Thierry Schneider

- Participants will express their view in two rounds
- At the first round, each participant expresses her/his view on the questions.
- At the second round, each participant express her/his view in reaction to what has been said by the other participants.

Participants

Professionals and NPOs:

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Yuzo Manpuku (Iitate, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery)

Nobuhiko Ban (Tokyo Health Care University)

Ryoko Ando (Iwaki)

Tadashi Ogawa (NPO Regeneration of Fukushima)

Takeo Kiriyama (NPO Mainade Dialogue)

Keiichi Nakagawa (University of Tokyo)

Iitate village:

Muneo Kanno (Iitate, farming)

Motoichi Kanno (Iitate, Farming)

Tomomi Shoji (Iitate, villager)

Yoshiki Kanno (Iitate, villager)

Masaaki Sakai (Iitate, villager)

From the floor

Health care and medicare:

Makoto Miyazaki (Fukushima Medical University)

Press:

Masaya Hayakawa (Fukushima Minpo)

Katsuhiko Kikuchi (Fukushima Minyu)

Makoto Ohmori (Teleview Fukushima)

16:40-17:00 Rapporteur's report

17:00-17:40 Discussion

18:00- Reception at Lorene & Leaf (Western entrance of Fukushima Station)

The 2nd day: July 7th (Sunday)

09:30-9:40 Opening

Chair: Jacques Lochard Co-chair: Junichiro Tada

Self introduction of those attending only on the 2nd day with name, profession and experiences

9:40-10:40 Session 4: Searching for future perspectives

Education of litate (20 min)

Yoshinori Yamaki (Iitate Education Board)

Health statistics of litate evacuees (20 min)

Tetsuya Ohira (Fukushima Medical University)

Young mothers facing radiation (20 min)

Chikako Yashiro (Fukushima city, health care worker)

10:40-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:20 Session 4: Searching for future perspectives (continued)

Current situation of agriculture in litate (20 min)

Muneo Kanno (Iitate, farming)

Dosimetry for the recovery of agriculture (20 min)

Hiroshi Iwase (KEK, High Energy Accelerator Research Association)

A trial of a new method of decontamination: toward the recovery of agriculture (20 min)

Masaru Mizoguchi (University of Tokyo)

A new direction of agriculture in Iitate (20 mn)

Motoichi Kanno (Iitate, farming)

12:20-13:20 Lunch

13:20-13:40 Session 4: Searching for future perspectives (continued)

What one can do to keep up in Iitate (20 min)

Hatsuno Sano (Iitate, villager)

13:40-15:40 Session 5: Dialogue on improving the situation of the litate people. Part 2. What are the conditions and means?

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Yoshinori Yamaki (Iitate Education Board)

Media:

Masaya Hayakawa (Fukushima Minpo)

Katsuhiko Kikuchi (Fukushima Minyu)

Makoto Ohmori (TV-U Fukushima)

15:40-16:10 Coffee Break

16:00-16:25 Rapporteurs' Summary

16:25-17:00 Roundtable discussion

17:00-17:30 Summary and recommendation

17:30-17:45 Closing

Comments

Ted Lazo (OECD)

Closing

Jacques Lochard and Norio Kanno