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

"Self-help Actions in Iwaki and Hamadori" - Working together in the affected areas -

Date: November 30 and December 1, 2013 Venue: Auditorium of Building No.1, Higashi Nippon International University http://www.shk-ac.jp/

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International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP)
in support and cooperation with
Iwaki City, Radiation Safety Forum, NPO Suetsugi Furusato Mamoru, NPO Ethos in
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Related sites

ICRP Tsushin: 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 of 2011 with 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 from the first three Dialogues. The participants stressed the importance of "practical RP culture" based on ethical and cultural considerations in addition to science. 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 depends on not only on the radiological situation of the area, but on all other dimensions of daily life, under the time running out while making a choice. Discussion by all involved parties; inhabitants, professionals, 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.

The **Sixth Dialogue** discussed the present situation and the challenges being faced by the citizens of litate where people were cut off from their own land, and living in exile. Through intensive discussion culminated into four recommendations; to create places for dialogue for litate villagers, favouring the exchange of information, and allowing villagers to define their projects, to provide equipment and devices to litate villagers to allow them to make their own measurements with researchers and experts, to define priorities for the decontamination actions in litate, and consider all possible other actions for effectively reducing exposures of the villagers, to create as soon as possible the conditions for elderly people to make their own decisions concerning on whether or not to return to litate.

The **Seventh Dialogue** will be held in the City of Iwaki. The Dialogue will focus on self-help actions taken by local people in cooperation with experts. The situation of the City of Iwaki is complex in that it received a large number of evacuees from the heavily contaminated region of Hamadori,. Progressively after the accident several local communities developed self-help actions to better understand the radiological situation and to improve their living conditions. These experiences developed in Iwaki and outside communities will be presented and discussed. Experience in United Kingdom in long term contaminated lands by the Chernobyl accident will also be presented.

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 November 30th at Shogatsu-Soh which is free to everyone attending the Dialogue.

http://www.syougatusou.com/

Programme

The 1st day: November 30th (Saturday)

9:30-10:00 Opening

Chair: Jacques Lochard (France, ICRP, CEPN)

Co-chair: Junichiro Tada (Fukushima, Radiation Safety Forum)

Greetings: Jacques Lochard, ICRP

Self Introduction: All participants with name, profession and experiences (1 min per person)

10:00 – 11:00 Session 1: Challenges of Suetsugi

Actions in Suetsugi(20 min)

Ryoko Ando (Iwaki, NPO Ethos in Fukushima)

Dialogues with Suetsugi inhabitants (20 min)

Moderator: Ryoko Ando (Iwaki, NPO Ethos in Fukushima) Participants: Hiroshi Takagi (Suetsugi, District director)

> Setsuko Endo (Suetsugi) Masako Endo (Suetsugi) Yoko Hangai (Suetsugi)

(11:00 Coffee break)

11:00-11:40 Session 1: Challenges of Suetsugi (continued)

WBC measurements in Iwaki (20 min)

Hiroto Nemoto (Iwaki, Healthcare centre)

Internal doses of Suetsugi people (20 min)

Makoto Miyazaki (Fukushima Medical University)

11:40 - 12:40 Lunch

12:40 – 14:00 Session 2: Solidarity and friends from outside

Testimony from Suetsugi (20 min)

Shinya Endo (Suetsugi, NPO @SuetsugiMamoru)

Dose measurements in Suetsugi (20 min)

Fumito Yanai (Sendai, Tohoku Innovator)

Establishing an information channel (20 min)

Sayaka Nakai (Tokyo, Cheer Group to Study Fukushima)

From Tokyo - Shooting in Suetsugi (20 min)

Jun Takai (Tokyo, Photographer)

14:00 – 16:00 Session 3: Dialogue on working together to develop self-help protection actions. Part 1: what is at stake?

Facilitator: Jacques Lochard; Rapporteur: Deborah Oughton

- 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:

Shoko Egawa (Tokyo, Journalist) Jun Takai (Tokyo, Photographer)

Sayaka Nakai (Tokyo, NPO Fukushima Oen Study Group)

Ryoko Ando (Iwaki, NPO Ethos in Fukushima)

Ryugo Hayano (Tokyo University)

Fumito Yanai (Sendai, Tohoku Innovator)

Local inhabitants:

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Takayuki Ueno (Minamsoma, Hamadori Recovery Group)

Satoshi Ishida (Minami-Soma, IT Consortium)

Kensuke Tadano (Minami-Soma, City Council member)

Press: Masaya Hayakawa (Fukushima Minpo)

Katsuhiko Kikuchi (Fukushima Minyu) Makoto Ohmori (Teleview Fukushima)

16:10 - 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:30 Rapporteur's report and Discussion

Facilitator: Jacques Lochard Rapporteur: Deborah Oughton

18:00 – Reception at Shogatsu-So (http://www.syougatusou.com/)

The 2nd day: December 1st (Sunday)

9:30-9:50 Opening

Chair: Jacques Lochard Co-chair: Junichiro Tada

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

9:50 – 10:50 Session 4: Challenges of Iwaki and Hamadori

Iwaki Science Café (20 min)

Takuma Kawano (Iwaki, City Center for promotion of Fishery)

Actions taken by Iwaki District Recovery Center (20 min)

Kenji Sato (Iwaki Meisei University)

Actions taken by NPO Protecting Children of Iwaki Network (20 min)

Kazumi Danno (Iwaki, NPO Future of Children)

10:50 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:20 Session 4: Challenges of Iwaki and Hamadori (continued)

Actions taken by "Arigato Farm" (20 min)

Susumu Hakozaki (Iwaki, Arigato Farm)

Self-help actions in Miyakoji (20 min)

Hisao Tsuboi (Miyakoji, Farming)

Recovery of Minami-Soma – 1 (20 min)

Satoshi Ishida (Minami-Soma, NPO Minami-Soma IT Consortium)

Recovery of Minami-Soma – 2 (20 min)

Takayuki Ueno (Minami-Soma, NPO Recovery of Hamadori)

12:20 - 13:20 lunch

13:20 – 13:50 Session 5: Experience with cooperation from Tchernobyl

Working with the Cumbrian sheep farming communities in the United Kingdom after the Chernobyl accident. (30 min)

Deborah Oughton (Norway, Norwegian University of Life Sciences)

13:50 – 15:50 Session 6: Dialogue on working together to develop self-help protection actions. Part 2: What are the conditions and means?

Facilitator: Jacques Lochard; Rapporteurs: Thierry Schneider

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15:50 – 16:20 Coffee break

16:20 – 17:20 Rapporteur's report and Discussion

Facilitator: Jacques Lochard Rapporteur: Thierry Schneider

17:00 Closing

Comments

Ted Lazo (OECD)

Closing

Jacques Lochard