Report of the first day:

*Dialogue on the path so far*

12th ICRP Dialogue

« Experience we have gained together »

12-13 September 2015 – Date City
The path of local recovery
Where are we from?

• Evacuation, sudden departure, separation, fear
• Concerns about children
• Concerns about health
• People feel guilty
• Discrimination
• Intrusion of scientists and experts
• Misunderstanding, misinterpretation
How to pass so far?
Measurements

• A strong way for recovery
• Open and complete information
• More confidence in shared data
• Experts still needed
• Keep distance with numbers
Agriculture

- Need to visualize the future
- Need to ensure quality
- New young people coming are an opportunity
- Fears about our own garden
- Abandoned land may be an opportunity
- Machines can be shared
- Also industry, employment
Children

• The future by definition
• Ageing society: a next generation is needed
• Mothers and also fathers
• Education, motivation, make them proud
• Contradiction: likes other children or specific?
• Family decision process - discussion
• Butterflies can emerge
• If I give up my son will not have choice
Community

• Adversity: no choice but to focus on others
• Liaison between people; need to be recognized
• Expression of solidarity
• Choices may be different; Each should be respected
• Dialogue is crucial; interfacing
• Loud voices and silent voices
• Dark side versus bright side
• Pictures show the community
• Official representative now participating
And now?

- People now forward-looking
- Think about wellbeing
- If we persevere we will succeed
- A matter of some years
- People outside can be still supporting
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Dialogue on next steps

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Not a scientific issue but in the hands of individuals working together

- Mothers: take care of their children
- Experts from radiation protection, from medical fields: provide support, “liaison role”
- Journalists: disseminate relevant information of daily life
- Farmers: promote good quality products
- Teachers: develop radiation protection culture
- Authorities: respect individual choices and provide information
Radiation protection: is it still an issue in the day-to-day life?

• A large variety of situations:
  – Evacuees / non-evacuees
  – Inside or outside Fukushima Prefecture
  – In the same city, not a single answer or attitude
  – ...
    
    Respect the individual situation and concern

• Do not forget Fukushima - disseminate the reality
Some key challenges/concerns for the future

- Difficult to imagine the far future
- Radiation is only one facet of the problem
- Important to understand the situation and manage people’s stress
- Overcome false rumours
- Avoid discrimination of Fukushima people
- Ensure safety, health, and welfare of the children
- Support individuals in their own environment and situation
- Provide a fair environment
- Tell stories of Fukushima, and continue to communicate experiences with others and future generations
- Future of energy policy, notably in the Prefecture
- Experiences of Belarus and Norway provide hope for a bright future
Some words

• Each of us has our own life beyond the radiation issues
• Numbers should not control our lives; they should help us make our lives better
• It is better to start on the right foot
• We are shadows and living people
• The hope is to see a bright side for the future
• We have to respect each route
• I really want you to take time to digest the information
• I want my children to recognize what their parents have done to protect them
• It is my role to prepare the village for the future, for my children
• Fukushima people lost something forever. It is not possible to forget. But at the same time we have to move forward