

**The 12th Dialogue on the Rehabilitation of Living Conditions
after the Fukushima Accident**

“EXPERIENCE WE HAVE GAINED TOGETHER”

Date: September 12 and 13, 2015

Venue: Date City Silk Hall

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ICRP Tsushin: <http://icrp-tsushin.jp/>

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Introduction

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.

Given this background, ICRP initiated a series of dialogues in fall 2011 with representatives of 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.

(See a short presentation of past dialogues at the end of the programme)

Purpose of the 12th Dialogue meeting

Since November 2011, 11 dialogue meetings have been organized.. This 12th edition, held under the theme “**EXPERIENCE WE HAVE GAINED TOGETHER.**” aims to review the path and steps of people within and outside of Fukushima Prefecture during the four and a half years after the disaster. Since 2011, the lives of many people have become more settled, a lot of experience has been gained, and enormous amounts of data has been collected. However, numerous problems remain to be solved. Many people are moving forward, but some are feeling isolated or still have to cope with significant difficulties. The variety of situations has become more diverse, depending on where and how people are living.

For this meeting, participants of previous dialogue meetings are invited to talk about their past, present, and future. This is the story of the paths taken by people overcoming the challenges they faced after the unprecedented disaster, and an opportunity to share their present situation and hope for the future. The recovery is seen from multiple perspectives by inviting not only people from Fukushima but also those from outside of Prefecture who have engaged with the affected population in rehabilitation of the living conditions.

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 possible future directions.

Exhibition

During the Dialogue, an exhibition of photos of the Suetsugi community will be presented in the Silk Hall by the Tokyo photographer, Jun Takai.

Reception

A reception will be held after the afternoon session of the 1st day at Date-Mirai Hall, Hobara. This is free for participants of the Dialogue.

Programme

The 1st day: Saturday 12 September

Chair: Jacques Lochard
Co-chair: Jun-Ichiro Tada

9:30-10:00 Opening

Welcome

Shoji Nishida

Claire Cousins

Self-introduction of participants

10:00 – 12:30 Session 1: The path of local recovery

Presentations (20 min each): Reports from experts and local people

Hisashi Katayose (PESCO, Fukushima) "My response to Tokyo Electric Power Company and my reflection as an ex-Prefectural Official"

Osamu Sato (Fukushima College, COOP Fukushima) "Staying present to fears of people"

Megumi Tomita (NPO Beans Fukushima) "The past and future of support for parents and children in Fukushima"

Motoko Goto (Odaga, Niigata)

Tetsuo Yasutaka (AIST) "My engagement and research with the local area over the past four years"

Panel (45 min) : Four years later: the path taken in Suetsugi

Facilitator:

Osamu Sakura (University of Tokyo)

Speaker:

Shinya Endo (Suetsugi)

Hiroshi Takagi (Suetsugi)

Maiko Monma (Iwaki)

Ryoko Ando (Ethos in Fukushima)

Jun Takai (Photographer in Tokyo)

Makoto Miyazaki (Fukushima Medical University)

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:30 Session 2: The paths taken by farmers

Presentations (20min each): Reports from farmers and cattle farmers

Susumu Hakozaiki (Iwaki) "The course of Arigato-Farm and its future"

Takeshi Yamada (Iitate) "The hope for the reopening of farms"

Mizuho Sugeno (Nihonmatsu) "Throwing seeds of hope on Fukushima land"

14:30 – 16:30 Session 3 : Dialogue on the path so far

Local People:	Megumi Tomita (NPO Beans Fukushima) Motoko Goto (Odaka, Niigata) Kensuke Tadano (Minamisoma) Ryoko Ando (Ethos in Fukushima) Shinya Endo (Suetsugi) Hiroshi Takagi (Suetsugi) Maiko Monma (Iwaki) Jun Takai (Photographer in Tokyo) Susumu Hakozaiki (Iwaki) Takeshi Yamada (Iitate) Mizuho Sugeno (Nihonmatsu) Satsuki Katsumi (Date-city) Yukiko Ban (Undergraduate Student from U Tokyo)
Expert and Government:	Hisashi Katayose (PESCO, Fukushima) Osamu Sato (Fukushima College, COOP Fukushima) Tetsuo Yasutaka (AIST) Ryugo Hayano (University of Tokyo) Osamu Sakura (University of Tokyo)
Health Care:	Makoto Miyazaki (FMU)
Media:	Masaya Hayakawa (Fukushima-Minpo) Katsuhiko Kikuchi (Fukushima-Minyu)

16:30 – 17:00 Break

17:00 – 17:30 Rapporteur's report and discussion

18:00 – Reception at JA Date-Mirai Hall Hobara

Speeches:

Shoji Nishida

Claire Cousins

The 2nd day: Sunday 13 September

Chair: Jacques Lochard

Co-chair: Jun-Ichiro Tada

9:30 – 9:45 Self-introduction of new participants

9:45 – 12:30 Session 5: Media and society

Presentations (20 min each):

Reports from the sender

Makoto Ohmori (TUF) "Looking back on past media reports"

Ryugo Hayano (University of Tokyo) "Using measurements"

Reports from the receiver

Yukiko Ban (Undergraduate Student from U Tokyo) "From dots to lines and from lines to areas"

Yu Miyai (Freelance, Tokyo) "The distance to "Fukushima" for a director of news shows in Tokyo"

Reports from the mediator

Makoto Miyazaki (FMU) "The past four and a half years from the viewpoint of a liaison"

Osamu Sakura (University of Tokyo) "A Global Case: Taking up Fukushima on a little Tokyo Magazine "

Michiko Kageyama (Former Teacher at High school in Tokyo) "The climate helps me to live, and I live in the climate"

Panel (45 min) : Three years later

Facilitator:

Ryoko Ando (Ethos in Fukushima)

Speaker:

Shima Yamamoto (Yokohama)

Satsuki Katsumi (Date-city)

Noriko Harada (Date-city)

Junko Koseki (Date-city)

Junko Kanno (Date-city)

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:00 Testimony: Raisa Misiura, Belarus "Rehabilitation program to engage people from local communities"

14:00 – 16:00 Session 6: Dialogue on next steps

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16:00 – 16:30 Rapporteur's report and discussion

16:30 – 17:00 : Closing

Final comments

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Closing address

Jacques Lochard

Presentation of past Dialogues

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 of Date City** 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, distributors 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** in November 2012, devoted to the education of children at school, stressed the importance of disseminating practical radiation protection culture among the children, and also the teachers and the parents, to improve living conditions.

The **Fifth Dialogue** in February 2013 dealt with the delicate issue of “returning or not, staying or not” in the affected areas. All involved parties – inhabitants, school teachers, professionals doctors and authorities – depicted the issues of concern and identified the values to share to move forward.

The **Sixth Dialogue** in July 2013 discussed the situation and the challenges being faced by the citizens of Iitate. Participants identified the conditions and means to help villagers to make informed decisions about their future.

The **Seventh Dialogue** held in November 2013 focused on self-help actions taken by citizens from Iwaki and Hamadori in cooperation with experts to regain control on their daily life. Presentations showed that local communities who wish to stay in their home place can reclaim their familiar environment and rebuild decent living conditions.

The **Eighth Dialogue** in May 2014 considered the situation and challenges of the city of Minamisoma, which undergone the triple disaster of the earthquake, the tsunami and the nuclear accident. Participants discussed possible ways to overcome the present isolation and divisions and shared their vision about the future.

The **Ninth Dialogue** in August of 2014 focused on the issues related to raising children in Fukushima Prefecture after the nuclear accident. Presentations stressed the importance for children to find places to express their feelings and exchange experiences and also to teach them how to behave in a contaminated environment.

The **Tenth Dialogue** in December of 2014 was devoted to tradition and culture in the Fukushima Prefecture in the aftermath of the nuclear accident. Testimonies of local stakeholders attested that the local tradition and culture are still strongly alive and functioning to keep the solidarity of people in the affected communities.

The **Eleventh Dialogue** in May of 2015 focussed on the role of measurements in regaining control on the situation resulting from the accident. Presentations and discussions highlighted their importance to help individuals, families and communities to progressively understand the radiological situation and take informed decisions about their daily life and their future.