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

- With a focus on improving the quality of food products -

7-8 July, 2012 at the Silk Hall, Date City Center 024-575-1113, http://www.city.date.fukushima.jp/index.html

An initiative from the
International Commission on Radiation Protection (ICRP)
in cooperation with the:
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Ethos in Fukushima, Fukushima Medical University
and the

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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 the conditions and provide the 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 and 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 the living conditions** in the affected territories by the Fukushima nuclear power plant.

The **First Dialogue Meeting** took place at the Fukushima Prefectural Council Hall on 26 and 27 November 2011. The participants emphasized the importance of re-establishing the affected communities with safe living conditions and quality food products, and solidarity with other communities. They also recognized the importance of developing radiation protection culture to allow inhabitants to understand and evaluate the information on the consequences of the accident and to take informed actions for reducing radiological exposure from living in the affected areas.

The participants called upon the Japanese authorities and international organisations:

- to pursue co-operation on the improvement of living conditions, particularly in relation to engaging local and national stakeholders,
- to continue the dialogue to identify the conditions and means to develop projects taking into account international experience.

The **Second Dialogue Meeting** took place at the Date City Hobara Citizen's Center Hall and Hobara Sky Palace Hall on 25 and 26 February 2012. The objective was to discuss the accomplishments so far in the Fukushima Prefecture to improve the radiological situation and to discuss the present obstacles and the possible ways to improve further the living conditions of the inhabitants of the City.

The participants emphasized the human dimension of the situation, the particular importance of preserving the dignity of the population and of reinforcing the local, national and international solidarity. They recognized the need for a more detailed characterisation of the radiological situation to allow the people to know where, when and how they are exposed

The participants adopted the following recommendations:

- Develop a mechanism to support projects proposed by local communities and residents to improve living conditions
- Support community expectations that decisions on recovery actions reflect their priorities, be based on their knowledge of the local context, and support their current and future interests
- Continue the Dialogue Initiative to foster mutual understanding and cooperation between all interested parties and to develop shared evaluations of actions to improve living conditions.

The objective of the **Third Dialogue Meeting** is to discuss the prevailing radiological situation at the beginning of summer 2012 and to share recent experience by stakeholder in improving this situation. A particular attention will be paid to the difficult problem of the contaminated food with the aim of better understand the complexity of the situation with the whole spectrum of different and sometimes opposed interests of the various concerned stakeholders and to identify possible ways to improve the situation

Related sites:

ICRP Tsusin: http://icrp-tsushin.jp/

Ethos in Fukushima: http://ethos-fukushima.blogspot.jp/

Programme:

First day: Saturday 7 July

10:00-10:30 **Opening**

- Welcome addresses by Mayor Nishida and Jacques Lochard on behalf of all the cooperating organizations
- Self introduction of the participants: Domestic and foreign participants (name, profession, experience)

10:30-13:00 Session 1: Past experience of Chernobyl and present situation in Fukushima with Cs contamination

- Radiocesium contamination in Norwegian population groups, by Haavard Thorring of NRPA, Norway (20 min)
- Past Cs contamination during cold war time in Japan, by Keiichi Akahane of NIRS (15 min)
- Extra dish analyses of Fukushima homes, by Osamu Sato of Co-op Fukushima (15 min)
- Whole body counting of Fukushima inhabitants by Makoto Miyazaki of Fukushima Medical University (15 min)
- Engaging the public in radiological monitoring and health surveillance Lessons from Belarus by François Rollinger of IRSN, France (20 min)
- Experimental planting of rice in Date City Movement of radio-cesium in rice paddle ecosystem by Keisuke Nemoto of University of Tokyo (20 min)
- Current doses to people in Japan by Nobuhiko Horioka of METI (15 min)
- Current food problems in Fukushima by Terumi Hangai of (FSAC) (15 min)

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Session 2 : On the way forward for improving the situation with the contamination of food products : a dialogue between stakeholders (Part 1)

Facilitator: Jacques Lochard

Rapporteurs: Deborah Oughton and Thierry Schneider

Participants: Those underlined (15) are allocated with 8 min to express their opinions. Other participants (4) can participate to the discussion with the rest of the attendants.

Seiichi Kazumata (JA Date Mirai) + <u>Masataka Kiyono</u> (Date orchard/rice farmer)

Keisuke Nemoto (Tokyo University)

Toshimatsu Sato (JA Shin-Fukushima)

<u>Muneo Kanno</u> + Kuni Kanno (Iitate farmers)

Osamu Sato + Shunkichi Nonaka (Co-Op Fukushima)

Shinichi Tomioka (Suntory Business Expert Ltd.)

Ryoko Ando (NPO, Ethos in Fukushima)

<u>Terumi Hangai</u> (NPO, Fukushima Stakeholder Coordination Council)

<u>Hisashi Suzuki</u> (NPO MEX)

Masayuki Shishido (Yanagawa Primary School Principle) + Akemi Asami (PTA) +

Noriko Uno (PTA) + Tomoko Ohtsuki (PTA)

Tazuko Sato (Tokyo Consumer) + Koujiro Akiyama (Tokyo Consumer)

Masahiko Hayakawa (Minpo) + Katsuhiko Kikuchi (Minyu)

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:30 **Session 2: Cont.**

18:00-20:00: Reception at JA Mirai Hall

Second day: Sunday 8 July

9:15-9:40 **Opening**

- Welcome to the new participants
- Self introduction of new participants
- Summary of the first day

9:40-12:00 Session 3: Past experience of Chernobyl and present situation in Fukushima with Cs contamination

- Managing radiation in Norwegian daily life by Lavrans Skuterud of NRPA, Norway (20 min)
- Radiation protection culture at school: Lessons from Belarus, by Thierry Schneider of CEPN, France (20 min)
- Current actions taken by JA Date Mirai, by Seiichi Kazumata, JA Date Mirai (15 min)
- Current actions taken by JA Shin-Fukushima, by Toshimatsu Sato, JA Shin-Fukushima (15 min)
- Actions taken by a retail company, by Yasuhide Chikazawa of Aeon Retail Co. Ltd. (15 min)
- Trend of consumers on cesium contaminated food, by Hisa Anan of Shodanren (Japan Consumer Association), (15 min)
- Toward better solutions for Fukushima production, by Junichiro Tada of Radiation Safety Forum Japan, (15 min)
- Current actions taken by Ethos in Fukushima, by Ryoko Ando of Ethos in Fukushima, (15 min)

12:00-13:00: Lunch

13:00-15:30 Session 4: On the way forward for improving situation with the contamination of food products: a dialogue between stakeholders (Part 2)

Facilitator: Jacques Lochard

Rapporteurs: Deborah Oughton and Thierry Schneider

Participants: Those underlined (14) are allocated with 8 min to express their opinions. Other participants (5) can participate to the discussion with the rest of the attendants.

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Hisashi Suzuki (NPO MEX)

Satsuki Katsumi (former Tominari Primary School Principle) + Noriko Harada (PTA)

<u>Junko Koseki</u> (PTA) + <u>Junko Kanno</u> (PTA)

Tazuko Sato (Tokyo consumer) + Koujiro Akiyama (Tokyo consumer) + Shima

Yamamoto (Yokohama consumer)

Hisa Anan (Shodanren: Japan Consumer Association)

Masaya Hayakawa (Minpo) + Katsuhiko Kikuchi (Minyu)

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 Proposed summary and recommendations

17:00-17:30 Session 5: Round table discussion to move forward

17:30 **Closing**

- Viewpoint on the Third Dialogue and beyond by Ted Lazo, Committee on Radiation Protection and Public Health, NEA-OECD
- Final remarks by Jacques Lochard and Shunichi Tanaka