

# Summary of 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Workshop on Ethical Dimensions of the Radiological Protection System

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The 1st Asian Workshop on the Ethical Dimensions of the Radiological Protection System was organized by Korean Association for Radiation Protection in cooperation with ICRP and IRPA and was held on 27-28 August 2013 at the KINS headquarters in Daejeon, Korea. The workshop discussed the questions such as what issues of radiation protection refer to ethics and what are the ethical values (explicit and implicit) that underlie the system of radiological protection?

The followings were the parts of recommendations of the workshop: the respect of individuals and principles of justice in the ICRP Publications should be more explicit; the dialogue on the ethics of radiological protection should be open to all interested stakeholders to facilitate mutual understanding of the system; there is the need to revisit whether individual rights to happiness or justice has been respected enough, in particular for minorities; the values of the ethics of radiological protection could be, and came up with tolerance of people's view, human dignity, justice, respect for persons, beneficence, prudence, understanding/simplicity and wellbeing.

The followings were the parts of conclusion of the workshop: it was noted that classic risk communication has been top-down and patriarchal rather than dealt with questions that the public want to know and the importance of a quick communication was emphasized; the radiological protection system should place more emphasis on well-being of the public, which means the system should care not only about people's health or safety but also about how people feel on the sense of security; the radiological protection experts have failed to find a scientific way in regard to discussion of risk tolerability due to excessive emphasis on science as a major cause for the failure on the ground that what tells tolerable is ethics, not science.