

17th ICRP Dialogue
What do we need for the future?
July 8-9, 2017

Summary report – Day 1

What is the point?

- People say that they wish to come back, most of them didn't
- Young people are more reluctant
- Issue of radiation still at stake
- Complex, still difficult to understand
- Sometime overreaction
- Contamination and doses are generally low
- Information not well shared
- Issue of children still the priority
- But other issues also relevant

Make measurements

- Help for the way forward
- Useful for understanding exposure and controlling the risk
- But help needed for interpretation
- Need to go to individual level
- And compare between individuals (inside family/community) or situations (airplane)
- Men reluctant at the beginning (Suetsugi)
- Measuring body and food is not sufficient, also soil water and air; transfer to plants

Get and share information

- Each person has his own perspective (dignity, respect)
- Issue of risk communication not yet over, should be reviewed
- Lack of information induces fear
- Get and share information from the very beginning
- Inside and outside
- Many routes (measurements, meetings, training, exhibitions...)
- It helps avoiding discrimination
- Problem of trust: information too complex, not disseminated, distorted
- Role of government, expert organisations, municipalities, media, NGOs: not always efficient
- Use networks
- Educational programmes
- Disseminate good practices among communities
- Dialogues useful

Get a job

- Restart our job is clearly a big motivation
- Many talks about farming, especially vegetable and flowers
- Farming is a challenge but essential
- Better to grow vegetable than to buy
- More “comfortable” to grow flowers than vegetables

Struggle against discrimination

- Comparison with Hibakusha
- Both evacuated and not-evacuated people are affected
- Need to support people
- Solidarity between generations
- Some individuals should be targeted
- Nobody should be forget
- See what each individual can do
- Importance of PTA associations

Be positive

- Not focus (only) on negative aspects
- Be proactive
- A new tendency, in affected areas, men or women
- Easiest now than before
- New school, new friends, new activities, new experiences...
- A way to rebuild communities
- Changes of personalities: more open for exchanges, able to speak in public, able to take the floor

Pets

- Pets are our friends and are beloved
- They are dependant
- Problem for evacuation
- Separation is bad for both owners and pets
- Pets should not suffer too much
- The issue is very important

General feeling of the rapporteur

- You are now talking about present
- Past starts to be digested
- Future is still uncertain

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Summary report – Day 2

Still a lot of work to be done to recover

- Decision to come back to homeland or not is at stake
- Reconstruction is still under process
- But feeling of lack of progress for reconstruction
- Need for improved infrastructure notably hospital before taking any decisions about the future
- Fatigue due to evacuation:
 - Still long distances to commute to job
 - Continuous stress associated with the situation
- Continuous efforts for providing good educational conditions for children at school
- Fight against the fact that people in Fukushima Prefecture start to forget the impact of the accident

Difficulties to envisage what will be the future (1)

- *"The future is still in the fog"*
- Concern about the future of the interim storage facility
- Decision on lifting came too late
- How long will it take to lift all orders of evacuation?
- *"I have my dream but I would like to stick to reality"*
- Concern about health effects associated with radiation for the children
- Fight to present the beauty of the landscape in Fukushima Prefecture
- But still sad to see villages without people living there

Difficulties to envisage what will be the future (2)

- Difficulties to clean and maintain houses in evacuated areas
 - Lands and houses are invaded (rats, wild boars, plants...)
 - Need to find a balance with natural environment in contaminated areas
- Difficulties for young generations to take decision to live in affected areas
- Difficulties to maintain relationships in evacuated communities
- Difficulties to keep the memory of evacuated areas for young generations

Expected future

- Becoming actors instead of victims
- To help people contributes to recover
- Happy future: this is the expected direction
 - Improved human relationship as a results of activities developed at school
 - Performance of students providing emotion
- Continuing efforts to produce clean food products from Fukushima Prefecture and being recognized as good quality
- Being able to come back to homeland
- Being connected and maintaining the traditional performance and culture (festivals, hula dance...)
- Being treated fairly and with equity

Testimony from Anastasia

- Great value of the testimony from Anastasia (from Belarus) for people of Fukushima:
 - "We are working hard to recover our life
 - Our work is not finished and we have developed a new life style
 - We are proud to live in our places
 - We are fully aware of the situation we had to face with
 - We are proud of what we have done
 - We are now looking forward"

In conclusion: Towards a new future

- As people from the affected areas, you have the right for a bright future and for happiness
- Key challenges:
 - Create your path for your happy future allowing you to live in a sustainable community
 - Without ignoring the past
 - With an efficient protection
 - Without being abandoned
- Willingness to be heard by the authorities and to share the results of the dialogue with them