

**Dialogue on the rehabilitation of living conditions in Fukushima**  
**- The situation of Miyakoji today -**

An initiative of Fukushima Medical University (FMU)  
in cooperation with Tamura City

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University of Tokyo

## **Introduction**

Miyakoji-district is an administrative area of Tamura-City located approximately 16 to 30 km west of TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. On April 1, 2014, the evacuation order that had been issued for part of Miyakoji was lifted (details at: <http://www.city.tamura.lg.jp/soshiki/59/saigai-keii.html>). During the five years since the disaster and two years since lifting the evacuation order, Miyakoji has been implementing many necessary countermeasures. With the passing of time and the improvements afforded by recovery efforts, considerations of radiological protection are slowly becoming less of a burden on everyday life.

A major ICRP dialogue meeting focusing on the Miyakoji area has not been held. However, in May 2014, immediately after the evacuation order was lifted, a group consisting mainly of radiological protection experts related to the dialogue initiative visited the area. After visiting Miyakoji junior high school, they had meaningful dialogues with local residents at the Farmhouse Miyakoji; the group visiting this time will stay in the same place. In May 2014 the local people expressed a mix of happiness, embarrassment, and anxiety about their evacuation order having been the first to be lifted after the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant accident.

Two years have passed since then. It is important to hear from the local people about the situation in Miyakoji, and the changes since the evacuation order was lifted, by gathering again with those who participated in the previous dialogue. It will be important to understand the role of radiological protection culture during this time of recovery and revitalization. There is much to learn from those in the rare position of returning home after a long evacuation due to a nuclear power plant accident.

The experience and lessons of Miyakoji will help improve radiological protection for the future, in case others are faced with a similar situation.

### **Participants (with stay at Farmhouse Miyakoji on 12<sup>th</sup> night)**

Visitors (20)	Group
Makoto Miyazaki: FMU	i
Ryoko Ando: EIF	ii
Maiko Momma: Suetsugi local liaison member	ii
Shinya Endo: Suetsugi	ii
Yujiro Kuroda: FMU	i
Ohtsura Niwa: RERF	iv (leave on 13)
Ryugo Hayano: Univ of Tokyo	iii
Hiroo Inoue: METI	i
Takahiro Hanzawa: Date City	iii
Kanae Hirano: interpreter	i
Kimiyo Machida: interpreter	i
Jean-Christophe Gariel: IRSN	i
Jacqueline Garnier-Laplace: IRSN	i
François Rollinger: IRSN	i
Jean-François Lecomte: IRSN	i
Sylvie Charron: IRSN	i
Jérôme Joly: IRSN	i
Ted Lazo : OECD/NEA	i
Jacques Lochard : ICRP	i
Christopher Clement : ICRP	i

- Group i : 14 members, start Fukushima on 12 and back on 13  
Group ii : 3 members, from Iwaki  
Group iii : 2 members, independent move and independent payment  
Group iv : 1, start Fukushima on 12 as group i, leaves in the morning of 13

### **Participants (without stay at Farmhouse Miyakoji)**

Tamura City officials  
Mr Murakoshi (Former Miyakoji District Officers)  
Hisao Tsuboi (Farmer of Miyakoji)  
Michihira Sato (Miyakoji Education Board)  
Others

## Schedule

March 12 (Sat)

9:30 Start from the Richmond hotel for group i, iii and iv  
→ Fukushima West IC → Funehiki/Miharu IC → Rout 288

11:30 Arrives in Miyakoji, lunch at Yoriai-Dokoro Hana      Group ii joins

13: 30 – 14:30 Visit Miyakoji Kinder garden  
Discussion with Mrs Watanabe, the Principle of the Kindergarten

15:00 – 18:00 Move to Farmhouse Miyakoji and have a dialogue session

Mr (Tamura City Radiation Management Officer):  
Events in Miyakoji since the accident (20min)

Mr Sato (The former principle of Miyakoji Junior High):  
Education in Miyakoji since the accident (20 min)

Mr Hiroo Inoue (Former Councilor)  
A view point from the National Authority (20 min)

Dialogue by local officials, facilitated by Makoto Miyazaki (30 min)

Dialogue by all participants, facilitated by Makoto Miyazaki (30 min)

18:00- Dinner

March 13 (Sun)

9:30 – 11:00 Visit of Mr Tsuboi's house, dialogue on farming and daily life

Around 12:00 start coming back to Fukushima

Plan 1: Route 288 to Futaba, visit Tomioka and Naraha areas, then back to Fukushima

Plan 2: Miyakoji to Katsurao and Yamakiya, then back to Fukushima