

Fukushima Dialogue to share current situations and the future of Odaka area of Minami-soma City

Continuing the dialogue in cooperation with the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP)

February 10–11, 2018 | Odaka, Minami-soma City, Fukushima Prefecture

Date/Venue

10 Feb (Sat): Minami-soma City field tour

- * Authorized personnel / available for the general public. Advanced registration is required.
- * Reception will be held in Royal Hotel Maruya.

11 Feb (Sun): Minami-soma City Information Exchange Centre, Multimedia Hall at 2nd floor
<https://www.city.minamisoma.lg.jp/index.cfm/26.html> (in Japanese)

- * 3 min from Haranomachi Station. Parking available (2 hours for free, and 100 JPY per hour of additional fees will apply.)
- * Open and free to participate, simultaneous interpretation available by Hirano Co. Ltd.

Host: Minami-soma Odaka Dialogue Organizing Committee

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Participating Organizations:

Ethos in Fukushima, French Institute of Radiological Protection and Nuclear Safety (IRSN), Nuclear Protection Evaluation Centre (CEPN), Fukushima Medical University, Hiroshima University, Norwegian Radiation Protection Authority (NRPA), OECD Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA), etc.

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Notice and Request

This Minami-soma Odaka dialogue seminar is planned to shoot video and release it on the website of Ethos in Fukushima (<http://ethos-fukushima.blogspot.jp>). Those who do not want the video disclosed, please notify us as soon as possible.
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Objectives:

Minami-soma City was greatly damaged by the earthquake and tsunami from the Great East Japan Earthquake of March 2011. After the nuclear accident at the Fukushima Daiichi

nuclear power plant of Tokyo Electric Power Company, an evacuation was forced on the Odaka area and a part of Minami-soma City without allowing residents to search for missing persons. After the re-categorization of evacuation areas in April 2011, Minami-soma City was divided into four zones; Restricted Zone, Zone in Preparation for Evacuation in case of Emergency, Specific Spots Recommended for Evacuation, and the normal zone. The population outside of the restricted zone was reduced by 80% at one point, and this caused great confusion to the normal social life of the residents, in addition to the severe damage already caused by the earthquake and tsunami.

In May 2014, the 8th ICRP dialogue seminar was held at “Yumehat” in the Haramachi area of Minami-soma City. This dialogue seminar focused on complicated situations in the area.

On July 12, 2016, the evacuation order was lifted from the Odaka area and a part of Minami-soma City, and most of the residents of Minami-soma City, excluding a few homes, could return to their normal lives. The resident population of Minami-soma City is 57,307 (71,561 before the disaster) and that of the Odaka area is 2,289 (12,842 before the disaster), as of 31 October 2017. While the restoration of infrastructure has progressed and social lives have gradually been regained, the recovery in areas affected by the tsunami and where the evacuation order was enforced has just begun, and these recovery efforts have still only reached the halfway point for the areas where the evacuation order was not enforced. In the areas where there was no damage caused by the tsunami, the social structure has been greatly changed due to the prolonged evacuation order, and it will take a long time before the state of social arrangement is able to adapt to the new situation.

While the difference originating from each situation after the disaster still greatly affects resident’s lives, we will share in this dialogue seminar what kind of challenges exist in this district. There will be a focus on the Odaka area where the evacuation order was lifted in July 2016, and what kind of future we desire, as well as calling for the participation of those who have attended the past dialogue seminars.

Program: Day 1

Saturday, 10 February: Odaka field tour

(authorized personnel only / available for the general public)

* Advanced registration is required. The weather may affect the following schedules.

- 9:30 Meeting at Odaka Station (Distribution of name tag, wireless transceiver for the simultaneous translations, program, and D-shuttle (personal dosimeter))
- 9:30–10:00 Opening remarks and notes, ride to the chartered bus
- 10:00–10:30 Field tour (Street around Odaka Station)
- 10:30–11:15 Field tour (Hanzaki area. Restarting the agriculture)
- 11:15–12:30 Field tour (Solar panel installations)
- 12:30–13:30 Lunch (Lunch box will be prepared)
- 13:40–15:30 Field tour (Urajiri area and Tsukahara area. Disaster situation. Reconstruction for the future. Life before the disaster and current situations)
- 15:30–15:45 Odaka Station (Please return the wireless receiver, name tag, and D-shuttle)
- 16:10 Move to Harano-machi Station by bus (free time until 17:30)
- 17:30–19:30 Reception (open and free to participate)

Program: Day 2

Sunday, 11 February: Dialogue to share information

Chaired by Jacques Lochard and Ryoko Ando

Venue: Minami-soma City Information Exchange Centre, Multimedia Hall at 2nd floor

(Eating and drinking are not allowed in the multimedia hall. Please use the lounge or craft room at the 1st floor.)

- 9:30–9:35 Opening remarks (Jacques Lochard)
9:35–9:45 Reflection on yesterday's field tour (Ryoko Ando)
9:45–10:30 Presentation on current situations
- General information about Minami-soma City (15 min) Minami-soma City Office: Mr. Fujiwara
 - Radiological situation in Minami-soma City (15 min) Shohei Takahasi, Minami-soma City Decontamination Laboratory
 - Pre and post disaster situations in Odaka (15 min) Shun Ishikawa
- 10:30–10:45 Coffee break at craft room, 1st floor
10:45–11:30 Presentation on current situations in Odaka (continued)
- Life in public restoration housing (15 min) Tatsuko Kamata
 - Life after returning to Odaka from temporal housing (15 min) Hiroshi Yoneda
 - Restarting the agriculture (15 min) Takashi Mizugai
- 11:30–12:30 Lunch (lunch box will be prepared) at craft room, 1st floor, 38 seats
- 12:30–14:45 Dialogue (10–15 people will join)
Each participant will take turns speaking for a few minutes.
List of participants:
Atsuko Suzuki, Motoko Goto, Miharuru Takamura, Hiroshi Yoneda, Shigehiro Sugi, Tatsuko Kamata, Kensuke Tadano, Sachiko Saito, Shun Ishikawa, Masaharu Tsubokura, Ken Hoshi, Shohei Takahashi, Genkatsu Kanno, Yoichi Ohashi
- 14:45–15:15 Coffee break at craft room, 1st floor
15:15–15:35 Experience in Norway (Astrid Liland, NRPA)
15:35–15:50 Summary of dialogue (Ted Lazo, OECD/NEA)
15:50–16:10 General discussion
16:10–16:20 Closing remarks by Mr Tabayashi, Deputy Mayor of Minami-soma City
16:20–16:30 Conclusion by Jacques Lochard
16:30 Closing of the Dialogue seminar
Please return the name card and wireless transceiver before you leave.

To News Media: The dialogues are open to all, and we warmly welcome your presence. No need to register in advance.

Next Dialogue: The next dialogue will be announced from the website of Ethos in Fukushima once scheduled.

<http://ethos-fukushima.blogspot.jp>

■ ICRP Dialogue Seminar (2011–2015)

<http://www.fukushima-dialogues.com>
(Japanese, French, English)

■ Fukushima Dialogue Seminar (2016-)

<http://ethos-fukushima.blogspot.jp/p/fukushima-dialogue.html>

