



It has been three years and three months since the Great East Japan Earthquake happened. Right now, Fukushima is slowly recovering itself after the disaster.

At Fukushima International Association (FIA), we started to provide free papers like *Gyro post-disaster edition* and *United We Stand Fukushima* after the earthquake. We hope to communicate the current state of Fukushima and our local internationalization to more people.

※You can download the English version of the free paper from our website.

Fukushima Scenery

Reopening of Fukushima and Thailand communication program (Fukushima city, Shirakawa city)

From May 29th (Thurs) to June 1st (Sun), the event “The 6th Dream event–Fukushima & Thai communication program” was held by NPO Fune and Tsubasa Fukushima. It was originally a yearly program started in 2007, however, it was suspended after the earthquake. Now 3 years after the disaster, it is finally resumed.

This year, 10 youth came to Fukushima for home stay. They visited schools and had discussions with the local youth. The local students had a wonderful time playing games in English and sing the songs with the Thai youth.



Fukushima city Omori elementary Interaction with local Grade 5 and 6 students



MOVE FORWARD #HAWAK KAMAY (Fukushima city)

Pilipino community “HAWAK KAMAY Fukushima” held an international event on May 11th (Sun) at Fukushima Machinaka plaza. Beside the host, there were many other booths attended who all displayed the uniqueness of their countries. There were also three foreign-born supporters who mingled with the crowd through quiz and games. At Machinaka Plaza, a stage was set up where singings, dance, especially the Pilipino traditional folk dances were presented.

“HAWAK KAMAY Fukushima” President Okura Lin expressed the gratitude and the intention to hold events like this in Fukushima in the future too.

Lessons from the disasters (Sousou city)

At “Station of the road Soma” located in Soma city, a corner about road info post disaster was created. Statistics regarding the disaster damages and pictures taken before the disaster were displayed. Moreover, the damages done to the road signs, clocks, tables and some deformed bridge devices were being displayed as well. It shows the damaging power of the earthquake in 2011.



Road sign damaged by Tsunami



Voice from the citizens in Fukushima

Williamkston Racreit (Fukushima, from Thailand)

I started to go to a high school in April 2011, after having lived in Fukushima for a year and half. I tried very hard to make friends and studying Japanese. Now it has been three years and I feel a sense of fulfillment. I got a job this year in April, and I am now working hard in the new environment. I had been avoiding facing difficult situations, however the time I spent here in Japan after the earthquake taught me to be strong and have faith in myself. I hope to be an advisor for children who share similar experiences as me.



Mitani Maria (Fukushima city, from the Philippine)

I started to work as the Tagalog counselor staff at FIA from this spring. I have been living in Fukushima for 20 years and I have a very deep connection with this city; whenever I go back to my own country, I feel like a foreigner and I learn new things there. I hope to be able to help more people who have similar experiences as me.

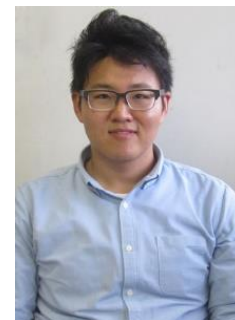
Right after the earthquake, I was quite anxious, but with the helps from family and friends, I regained myself soon after. Now I am enjoying the busy life between work and family and I am more relaxed.



Won Chang Sob (Fukushima city, from Korea)

I did home stay for a month when I was high school back in 2006, in Fukushima. I had made many friends and they made me wanted to study Japanese more after I came back to Korea. My desire to work in Japan grew stronger. By chance, I entered Fukushima University and I am happy about it.

I did military service for two years during which I had to take a break from my school. I resumed my school life this year in April. Coming back to Japan, I realized that I have so many to learn, and it made me want to strive to study more.



Measurement of radiation level in Fukushima Prefecture (provisional value)

This information was taken from the Fukushima Prefectural Government website.

The Fukushima Prefectural Government website provides updates on the radiation level in Fukushima Prefecture in Japanese, English and Chinese. The Fukushima International Association website also provides the information mentioned above and on top of that, Tagalog, Korean and Portuguese are also provided.

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Unit : $\mu\text{Gy/h} \rightleftharpoons \mu\text{Sv/h}$ (micro gray/hour \rightleftharpoons micro sievert/hour)

| Date, Measuring time | Fukushima City | Koriyama City | Shirakawa City | Aizu Wakamatsu City | Minami Aizu Town | Minami Soma City | Iwaki City |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| (Normal value) | 0.04 | 0.04-0.06 | 0.04-0.05 | 0.04-0.05 | 0.02-0.04 | 0.05 | 0.05-0.06 |
| 2014. 6. 24 9:00 | 0.26 | 0.14 | 0.10 | 0.07 | 0.05 | 0.12 | 0.08 |
| Measurement device | MMP | MMP | MMP | MMP | MMP | MMP | MMP |
| Direction and Distance from 1st power plant | North west About 63km | West About 58km | West south west About 81km | West About 98km | West south West About 115km | North About 24 km | South south west About 43km |

※Measurement of the radiation level in Fukushima city was taken in the parking lot on the north side of the Kenpoku District Health and Welfare Office, Koriyama city was taken in the parking lot on the south side of the Koriyama government office complex.

※The normal value mentioned above are from the result of radioactivity levels surveyed within Fukushima prefecture in 2010 (21st year of Heisei period).

※MMP is Portable Radiation Monitoring Equipment (Mobile Monitoring Post).

FIA Information

○Introduction for “Fukushima foreign students support center”

In order to support the foreign-born and foreign-raised students, FIA established “Fukushima foreign students support center”. Please come by if you have any question.

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