

United We Stand Fukushima

~ Voices from Fukushima ~



It has been 2 years and 6 months since the Great Eastern Japan Earthquake. We would like to express our sympathies for the people who are still having a tough time with every day life due to the disaster. We would also like to show our foremost appreciation to the people around Japan and the world for your continuous heartfelt support.

Please take a look at our newsletter GYRO as the updates on the current situation in Fukushima Prefecture and articles on all the local activities involving foreign residents are featured.

You can download this newsletter from our homepage.



Scenery of Fukushima

The forum of thinking about the Great East Japan earthquake and the radiation disaster as foreigners are being held.



[Left photo]
Aug. 2nd Street tour to see the influences from the nuclear disasters

[Photo in the Middle]
Aug. 2nd Group discussion

[Right photo]
Aug. 3rd Bus tour to see The vegetable factory in Kawauchi Village

From August 2nd to the 3rd, the forum which consists of 70 attendees from various municipalities, officials from International association as well as the organizations which help out the foreigners.

On August 2nd in the morning, 25 attendees participated in a city tour which they witnessed the influences on people's since the Great East Japan earthquake. In the afternoon, the attendees discussed about what cooperations are needed for the foreigners living in Fukushima.

On the following day, the attendees also went on a bus tour through which they explored the Kawauchi village and they talked to the head of the Iitate village in the afternoon. Many of them commented on how invisible and perhaps fearful damages such as radiations can be done to human beings. (Photo taken on Aug 2nd~3rd, 2013)

Minami Souma city Playing with water "Jabu Jabu Pool"

In order to prevent the radiation exposure and tsunami damage, Minami souma city created an artificial pool called "Jabu Jabu Pool" with the donation money from the city. The pool is opened on July 21st (Sun), many families came to use it.

(Photo taken on Aug 14th, 2013)

Kids laughing in the artificial water fall



Participants visit Tenkyokaku
[West Guest Room]

West and East Experience the quality of their formalities

On Aug 21st (Wed) Tenkyokaku at Lake Inawashiro was open for free to people to visit as the special event to celebrate the "Fukushima prefecture People's day". Participants had a great opportunity to go around in the Western castle and to see many things and spaces they weren't able to see usually.

(Photo taken on Aug 21st, 2013)



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Kono Keiko (Born in China, living in Fukushima city)

In my daily life I try to keep a peaceful heart. However after the Earthquake in Fukushima, I lost my coolness and has become sensitive to the way my daughter grows up. Luckily, I have a good work environment and people cooperate with each other. It helped me to change the way I think. Not only I learned to be optimistic, I also learned to make decisions from multiple perspectives.

Due to the nuclear disaster, there still are many problems with Fukushima. However, I would like actively keep gathering information and doing something to help with the reconstructions in Fukushima.

Honda Naoki (Born in the Philippines, living in Fukushima)

10 days before the Earthquake, a fire destroyed my house. I lived away from my family after both disasters. Moreover, I found work 2 months later after the earthquake, so I only had painful memories associated with 2011. Even now, it still pains me to think about these, after seeing physicians for many times, I finally was able to open a restaurant this year in Fukushima city. Although everyday is a about survival, I feel satisfied every day. I also wish that many customers will visit my restaurant.

Lui Fang (Born in China, living in Fukushima city)

I was on my spring vacation and I stayed at home when the Great East Japan earthquake happened. I received a notice from the Chinese embassy in Niigata prefecture that I should leave. However, I was not able to leave my family and husband, so I decided to stay. Instead of worrying about the radiation, I chose to live with my family and I think this is more important personally.

Compared to About 10 years ago, when I just came to Japan, I had a hard time mingling with people in Japan. Compared to then, I feel I became stronger after this experience. I am able to think in others' perspectives with considerations.

Now, I am joining the [Fukushima Global Collage 2013] held by FIA. I have received much insight regarding the future.



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
2013.9.10 9:00	0.32	0.17	0.12	0.07	0.05	0.14	0.09
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).



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●Counseling service for foreigners

Here at the International Association, we provide counseling services for foreigners in English, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, and Portuguese.

- English, Chinese, Japanese
Every Tuesday to Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm
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