



# United We Stand Fukushima

~ Voices from Fukushima ~



It has been 3 years and 7 months since the Great East Japan Earthquake and Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster happened. The evacuation zone orders have been slowly lifted, Tohoku central high way in Soma is under construction. Many efforts have been made to facilitate recovery from the accident, however, there are still existing many problems.

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 convey the current state of Fukushima and our local internationalization to more people.

※You can download the Chinese,Tagalog,Portuguese and Korean version of the free paper from our website.

## Fukushima Scenery

### Vow for the succession—Festival for the hometown

On the Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> (Sat) and 5<sup>th</sup>(Sun), “Festival at hometown 2014” was held at Shiki no Sato in Fukushima city. With the aim to foster the bound among the people in the Prefecture, Fukushima prefectural government has hosted the event, featuring the ethnic performances around the prefecture. There were a total of 20 groups participated in the festival.



“Karasuzaki children’s teodori” performed at Minami-soma

In the morning of Oct 5th, performances from litate village “Hiso no three shishimai”, Minami-soma “Karasuzaki children’s teodori” and “Shimomachi children’s teodori” were being performed on the stage. (Fukushima City)



Exchange student Luca Watanabe Reis

### To experience the universal connections at first hand

On the 4<sup>th</sup>(Sat) of Oct., The international exchange festival 2014 was held at Tsuruga-jo castle by Aizu-wakamatsu International Association. The event provided opportunities for the foreign-born and local citizens to communicate in order to deepen the understanding of their unique cultures. Various organizations held booths to introduce their presences in the prefecture. FIA invited 2 Brazilian exchange students to help out at the booth. They invited the visitors to participate in interesting Portuguese games and quizzes about Brazil.

At the event, supports for the revitalization and local tourism held booths too. Multicultural stage performances were being displayed too.

(Aizu-Wakamatsu City)

### To speak up during a disaster with easy Japanese

EIWAN (Network for Woman immigrated to Fukushima) hosted a workshop featuring the theme—disasters and cross-cultural co-existence. It was held on the 28<sup>th</sup>(Sun) of Sep. at Corasse Fukushima. People who are interested in the local foreigners’ community, disaster prevention as well as Japanese volunteers came. The presenter Masayoshi Nakaoka (Rep from “easy Japanese” organization) talked that we should inform foreigners the severity and what to do as soon as possible based on the historical disaster happened The Great Hanshin Earthquake (Jan 1995) and The Great East Japan Earthquake(Mar 2011).(Fukushima City)



Image of the workshop



**Baz Muhammad (Fukushima City, from Pakistan)**

I have lived here for 12 years now. I am in the field of second-hand cars dealership. I have started to sell car audios and car navigation systems in the recent years too. My work schedule is quite hectic that I rarely have time to rest, nevertheless I am very appreciative towards the peace my family and I enjoy here. I have long had the thought that hardships come along with living, however, I now feel the warmth from my surroundings. I am very grateful for it.



**Emma Wilson (Kawamata Town, from Britain)**



From 2010 Sept to 2011 summer, I had participated in an exchange program at university in Hiroshima city. During the period, I went to Tokyo in March and that was when I experienced the earthquake. It was the first time I ever experienced an earthquake, I has now become a memory I could never forget. Starting from August this year, I am teaching elementary and junior high schools at Kawamata town as an ALT. I was a linguistic major at my university, I feel that this job is a chance to learn some interesting facts of Japanese language and I wish in the future, I can use Japanese at my work.

**William Patrick Timms (Yamatsuri town, from Britain)**

I came in the spring of 2013, I live in Yamatsuri now. Although I came with the expectation that there would be cultural differences living here, I was surprised that there were many unexpected episodes happened. Through facebook, I learned about the opportunity called "One World Project" at FIA, and now I am a member of this project. The other members were quite nice to me and we all share ideas working on the project. Now we are making a video clip aiming to introduce the charms of Fukushima, we are all excited.



**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. <http://www.worldvillage.org/>

Unit :  $\mu\text{Gy/h} \doteq \mu\text{Sv/h}$  (micro gray/hour  $\doteq$  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. 10. 25 9:00	0.24	0.14	0.10	0.07	0.05	0.12	0.07
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 other cities and town were taken in the parking lot on the every joint government offices.

※The normal value mentioned above are from the result of radioactivity levels surveyed within Fukushima prefecture in 2009 (21st year of Heisei period).

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



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