

The 23rd Fukushima Dialogue

Sharing about the issues of the ALPS-treated water at Fukushima Daiichi NPP



The 19th Fukushima Dialogue, 2018 @Minami Soma

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This year marks the tenth anniversary of the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant.

In the affected areas, some people and communities have returned to more or less normal life, and they are making progress. One of the remaining and very controversial issue is how to handle the ALPS-treated water collected and kept at the plant site.

In March 2021, the Japanese government revealed the basic policy and their decision to discharge ALPS treated water into the ocean. Although discussions are ongoing with stakeholders, many people are not yet convinced of this decision. We want to know more, talk more, check more and also hear the opinions of other people because we still have doubts. Don't we all feel this way?

There is also worldwide interest in the discharge of ALPS treated water. This interest lies not only in the method of discharge but also in the decision-making process associated with it. What are the issues in Fukushima and Japan, and how are they discussed? These are the focus of attention.

Wherever there is a nuclear facility, there are often disagreements between the operator, the authorities, the general population and the local residents. For example, they dispute how the nuclear facility should be managed , how nuclear waste should be disposed of, etc.

The Fukushima Dialogue will focus on the topic of decision-making regarding ALPS-treated water. We will listen to those who are concerned about the discharge of the treated water and discuss the issues together. The purpose of the meeting is not to debate "for" or "against". Instead, we wish participants to share their perceptions of the situation and its challenges. It aims to allow them to think about what should have been done and what should be done.

In the Fukushima Dialogue, there will be two international guests. One is Yves Lheureux of the ANCCLI (National Association of Local Information Committees and Commissions), established in the vicinity of nuclear facilities in France, and the other is Pippa Feinstein. She has been involved in consultations between residents and nuclear facilities in Canada. They will share their experience dealing with similar situations.

Through simultaneous interpretation between Japanese and English, we will also be able to take this opportunity to inform people abroad about the situation in Japan.

Programme

Facilitators : Ryoko Ando / Yumiko Kanai (NPO Fukushima Dialogue)

- 9:15-9:20 Opening Remark -Ryoko Ando (NPO Fukushima Dialogue)
- 9:20-9:40 Background to the treated water issue to date -Pr. Ryota Koyama (Fukushima University)
- 9:40-10:00 Introduction of Hoki shellfish fishery in Yotsukura, Iwaki -Mr Ayanori Sato (Yotsukura Hoki shellfish fishery Coop.)
- 10:20-10:40 A tourism and food industry perspective -Mr Takahiro Kanno (Soma)
- 10:40-10:55 Coffee break
- 10:55-11:15 An agricultural perspective -Mr Seiichi Kazumata (JA Fukushima-Mirai)
- 11:15-11:30 Korean perception and communication status of the treated water in Fukushima - Pr. Eun-Ok Han (Korean Association for Radiation Protection)
- 11:30-11:50 Working with community organizations on water quality issues related to nuclear energy in Canada -JD Pippa Feinstein (Canada)
- 11:50-12:50 Lunch
- 12:50-13:05 The activity of JHPS -Dr Hiroko Yoshida (JHPS)
- 13:05-13:25 The activity of ANCCLI in France -Mr Yves Lheureux (CLI/ANCCLI : civil society involvement around nuclear activities in France)
- 13:25-13:30 The objective of the dialogue -Ryoko Ando
- 13:30-15:30 Dialogue (120 min.) Moderator : Ryoko Ando
- Participants (12 persons) :
Ayanori Sato, Takahiro Kanno, Seiichi Kazumata, Nanami Akimoto, Ken-ichiro Kimura, Hiroko Yoshida, Susumu Onuma, Yves Lheureux
- 15:30-15:45 Coffee break
- 15:45-16:00 Summary of the discussion -Thierry Schneider (CEPN) and Jean-Francois Lecomte (IRSN)
- 16:00-16:25 General discussion
- 16:25-16:30 Closing Remark