Report of the first day: Dialogue on the path so far

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The path of local recovery Where are we from?

- Evacuation, sudden departure, separation, fear
- Concerns about children
- Concerns about health
- People feel guilty
- Discrimination
- Intrusion of scientists and experts
- Misunderstanding, misinterpretation

How to pass so far?

Measurements

- A strong way for recovery
- Open and complete information
- More confidence in shared data
- Experts still needed
- Keep distance with numbers

Agriculture

- Need to visualize the future
- Need to ensure quality
- New young people coming are an opportunity
- Fears about our own garden
- Abandoned land may be an opportunity
- Machines can be shared
- Also industry, employment

Children

- The future by definition
- Ageing society: a next generation is needed
- Mothers and also fathers
- Education, motivation, make them proud
- Contradiction: likes other children or specific?
- Family decision process discussion
- Butterflies can emerge
- If I give up my son will not have choice

Community

- Adversity: no choice but to focus on others
- Liaison between people; need to be recognized
- Expression of solidarity
- Choices may be different; Each should be respected
- Dialogue is crucial; interfacing
- Loud voices and silent voices
- Dark side versus bright side
- Pictures show the community
- Official representative now participating

And now?

- People now forward-looking
- Think about wellbeing
- If we persevere we will succeed
- A matter of some years
- People outside can be still supporting

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Not a scientific issue but in the hands of individuals working together

- Mothers: take care of their children
- Experts from radiation protection, from medical fields: provide support, "liaison role"
- Journalists: disseminate relevant information of daily life
- Farmers: promote good quality products
- Teachers: develop radiation protection culture
- Authorities: respect individual choices and provide information

Radiation protection: is it still an issue in the day-to-day life?

- A large variety of situations:
 - Evacuees / non-evacuees
 - Inside or outside Fukushima Prefecture
 - In the same city, not a single answer or attitude
 - **—** ...

Respect the individual situation and concern

Do not forget Fukushima - disseminate the reality

Some key challenges/concerns for the future

- Difficult to imagine the far future
- Radiation is only one facet of the problem
- Important to understand the situation and manage people's stress
- Overcome false rumours
- Avoid discrimination of Fukushima people
- Ensure safety, health, and welfare of the children
- Support individuals in their own environment and situation
- Provide a fair environment
- Tell stories of Fukushima, and continue to communicate experiences with others and future generations
- Future of energy policy, notably in the Prefecture
- Experiences of Belarus and Norway provide hope for a bright future

Some words

- Each of us has our own life beyond the radiation issues
- Numbers should not control our lives; they should help us make our lives better
- It is better to start on the right foot
- We are shadows and living people
- The hope is to see a bright side for the future
- We have to respect each route
- I really want you to take time to digest the information
- I want my children to recognize what their parents have done to protect them
- It is my role to prepare the village for the future, for my children
- Fukushima people lost something forever. It is not possible to forget. But at the same time we have to move forward