

# **The 27<sup>th</sup> Fukushima Dialogue -Impressions of Hometown: voices from Fukushima residents -Where do we come from, and where are we going?**

Date: Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 December

Co-organize: Institute for Future Creation Research, Fukushima University

Supported by Japan Health Physics Society, Society of Risk Analysis Japan, ASNR(France), CEPN(France) and Okuma Town

## **Purpose of the 27th Fukushima Dialogue**

A nuclear disaster, through environmental contamination caused by radioactive materials, has a profound impact on the connection between people and the land. This impact is especially significant for lifestyles and occupations deeply rooted in the natural environment and local traditions. In the case of the Fukushima accident, traditional ways of life in mountainous areas, as well as occupations that engage directly with nature—such as agriculture, forestry, and fisheries—remain affected even 14 years later.

Moreover, many people were forced to evacuate, driven from their homes and separated from the land they had long been familiar with. Although evacuation orders have been gradually lifted, the prolonged displacement has altered communities, and physically, the land itself has undergone major transformations due to decontamination and reconstruction projects.

The connection between people and the land is not merely a material matter of residence. Through emotional and spiritual bonds, land becomes part of a person's identity. A nuclear disaster transforms the relationship between people and their land, possibly altering the foundations on which

their lives are built. Such intangible assets, also referred to as “social capital,” are widely recognized for their importance.

In this 27th Dialogue, we aim to create an opportunity to share and reflect on how the connection between people and the land has changed, and how new relationships with the land can be nurtured and rebuilt for the future.

## **Programme**

- **First day: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Trail Walk with Open Radiation**

Location: Hamakaido Trail (Tomioka Station to Yonomori, approx. 5km)

11:20 Meet at Tomioka Station

11:30 Trail departure

15:30 Arrival at Yonomori

Details: Walk with Dr Jean-Marc Bertho from ANSR of France, conducting radiation measurements and providing location commentary along the way.

- **Seconda day: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Dialogue Venue: Meeting room on the first floor CREVA Okuma

With Japanese-English Simultaneous Interpreter



Zoom Registration;

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## **Schedule**

10h00 :

Introduction of the Dialogue theme : Ryoko Ando (Chair NPO-FD)

10h10 : 1st speaker

Jean-Marc Bertho (ASNR), Presentation of Open Radiation and summary of the previous day measurements

10h 30: 2nd:

Daiki Sasaki (NPO Fukushima Dialogue) Reflection on the previous day and explanation of the current situation

10h50: 3rd speaker :

Kunihiko Konno(Akogi, Tsushima, Namie Town) Testimony on creating the history book of Akogi

11h10: 4th speaker : Video

Inger Marit Eira-Åhrén (Director of the Sámi Parliament of Norway) The Cultural Impact of the Chernobyl Accident on the Sami People

11h40: General discussion

11h55: Poster Description

12h00: Lunch and poster viewing

13h30: Dialogue by IDPA

13:30 IDPA Dialogue (Discussion with 8 participants)

Participants will state their opinions in turn in response to the moderator's questions.

5 minutes per person × 2 rounds

**Dialogue Participants (8 people, in no particular order, titles omitted)**

Mr Hiroshi Sakakibara: Resident of Futaba Town

Ms Emi Ishida: JA Fukushima Sakura Women's Division Futaba District  
Futaba Branch      Branch Manager

Mr Norio Kimura: Ōkuma Future Academy Association,  
Representative

Ms Kaori Nishijima: Director, Nuclear Disaster Research Museum  
Furusato

Mr Kunihiro Konno: Vice Chair, Akagi Record Paper Editorial  
Committee

Mr Shotaro Abe: Director, ReFruits Inc.

Ms Haruna Takagi: Native of Iwaki City

Ms Keiko Washizu: Kawamata Town Regional Revitalization  
Cooperation Team

15h00: Break

15h30: Interventions by observers

3 mn x 10 observers

We will now take questions and comments from everyone

participating in person and via Zoom.

If you have your own views on the theme or questions for the panelists, please share them. During this time, online participants will also be able to speak by connecting their audio to the venue.

16h00: Synthesis: Win Thu Zar

16h20: Closing remarks Ryoko Ando (Chair, NPO-FD)

16h30 End

The Identification, Diagnosis, Prospective, and Action (IDPA) facilitating method is a means of promoting active listening, participation, and dialogue among stakeholders facing complex situations. Experience has shown that the IDPA method makes it possible to develop responses to problems posed in very different contexts and, in many cases, to find compromises regarding their solutions. Even if such a positive result is not always achieved, The IDPA method has the merit of allowing each of the participants to better understand the situation they are facing.

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## Exhibition Information

As an introduction to the activities carried out by organizations and individuals working in Fukushima Prefecture, exhibitions will be displayed **at the back of the venue and in the 1st floor hall.**

You are welcome to view the exhibits freely.

Organization / Group	Name	Exhibition Items
NPO Invisible	Mr. Akio Yamamoto	Booklet, A4 flyers
Okuma Academy (Fukushima University Center for Regional Future Design)	Mr. Norio Kimura	Panel exhibition (1st floor hall)
NPO Hamakaidō Association (FCTA)	Mr. Yūji Nakajima	Two posters, organization brochure, photographs, hiking passport
Akougi Record Paper Editorial Committee	Mr. Kunihiro Konno	<p>Six books:</p> <p>① <i>Akougi Record Paper Editorial Committee — “Record of Akougi, Namie Town: To Our Descendants One Hundred Years Later”</i></p> <p>② <i>Chiyo Kishi — “Group Poison Suicide: Memoir of Survival — The Miracle of Shimogakuta Settlement in Fukushima Prefecture”</i></p> <p>③ <i>Yasuko Baba — “That Day, That Moment — Album of Our Hometown: Namie Town / Tsushima”</i></p> <p>④ <i>Naomi Toyoda — “To the Children Living a Hundred Years from Now”</i></p> <p>⑤ <i>Naomi Toyoda — “The Mountain Village We Cannot Return To — My Vanishing Home”</i></p> <p>⑥ <i>Taketsugu Suga — “Hamadōri 2000–2003, Fukushima”</i></p>
JA Fukushima Sakura Women’s Division — Futaba District	Ms. Emi Ishida	Futaba Daruma dolls (several pieces)

## Invitation to Subscribe to Our Newsletter

At the end of 2024, the NPO board of directors decided to publish four newsletters per year with expanded content compared to the previous format, in order to increase the association's visibility and broaden its readership.

Taking advantage of Maiko Momma's arrival in spring 2025 as secretary of the NPO, who immediately agreed to take charge of the layout of these newsletters, the first newsletter in the new format was published in April 2025 as issue number 17.



The late Genkatsu Kanno, former Vice Director

The 17th Newsletter, April 2025  
You can access it via the QR



Since n° 17, three more Newsletters have been published, presenting the NPO's activities, its reflections on key issues, and information from Fukushima. For example, articles as varied as the following have been published:

### Vol.18, July 2025

- Report of the 2025 General Assembly
- Shared Concepts and Language-The NPO Fukushima Dialogue operational values [Approved by the Board of Directors on 2025 June 15]
- Book Introduction-Yasuko Baba, That Day, That Moment



### Vol.20, Oct 2025

- Holding On to Their Way of Life: How the Sami Lived with Radiation Contamination
- Yamakiya Three Lions Dance Film Project — Working Together on a New Documentary
- The Open Radiation citizen science project



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