

Methods of Interview (Draft)

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1. Interviewer

In many cases, Committee Secretariat members take the initiative in holding interviews as their fact-finding activities. Committee Secretariat members, however, shall hold these meetings together with Committee members or technical advisers (hereinafter referred to as “Committee members etc.”) if they wish to participate.

[Note] Before the Committee Secretariat holds a hearing, the Committee Secretariat shall inform each Committee member and technical adviser of the schedule so that Committee members etc. interested in the hearing can participate. An adjustment to the number of participants, however, shall be necessary depending on the number of participating Committee members etc.

2. Method of Interviewing

- (1) Interview, in principle, shall be a closed-door, small-group meeting.

[Note 1] There are various reasons for the above depending on each interviewee, among which the following ones are considered major reasons: (1) The interview should be held to obtain the testimony of the truth. (2) The interview handles information the disclosure of which to the public is inappropriate because of various reasons (e.g. public security). (3) The interview handles information relating to personal privacy to be contained in the testimony.

- (2) On the condition that the interviewee agrees the interview to be open to the public, unless the interview is held to obtain information specified in (2), in which case the interview shall be disclosed to the media by an appropriate means, such as video recording.

[Note 2] The reasons specified in [Note 1] are considered for the nondisclosure of the meeting. If the interviewee agrees to the interview being open to the public, however, the reason specified in (1) or (3) will not be problematic. Therefore, the interview, in principle, shall be open to the public on the condition that the informant has not requested to disclose information specified in (2), i.e., the interview is not held to obtain the information specified in (2).

3. Recording of the Interview

If a closed-door interview is held to obtain information from interviewee, the Secretariat member in charge shall compile the contents of the interview and write hearing record.

In addition, the interview shall be recorded on an IC recorder with the consent of the interviewee for the sake of ensuring accuracy. If the interviewee does not agree or there is no time to prepare an IC recorder, the interview shall be held without recording, in which case, however, the Secretariat member in charge shall take notes as accurately as possible.

4. Handling of Hearing Results

- (1) The Committee Secretariat shall inform each Committee member and technical adviser of the completion of each interview without delay.
- (2) The Committee Secretariat shall inform each Committee member and technical adviser of the contents of the interview to a necessary extent when the Committee Secretariat complies and reports the investigation results to the Committee.
- (3) If Committee members etc. request the browsing of the testimonies, in principle, the Committee Secretary shall directly delivery copies of the testimonies to them by hand (or by an appropriate alternative method in order to prevent the external leakage of the information). If Committee members etc. request voice data on the testimonies, they shall listen to the voice data at the Committee Secretariat

office.

5. Use of Interview Results

(1) Not for Pursuing Liability

The Committee is not established for the purpose of pursuing the liability of any parties. Therefore, the Committee shall not use materials (i.e., the contents of testimonies) obtained from interviews for the purpose of pursuing the liability of any parties.

(2) When the Committee Secretariat complies the investigation results of closed-door interviews as to each individual's involvement in producing the causes of the accident and expansion of damage, the Committee Secretariat shall give due consideration so that any individual cooperating in the investigation shall not be identified.

The Committee Secretariat shall disclose testimonies to a necessary extent after the Committee Secretariat obtains them from closed-door interviews. The Committee Secretariat shall not disclose any part of information that may identify the interviewee or the nondisclosure of which is requested by the interviewee. Voice data is likely to identify the interviewee. Therefore, no voice data shall be disclosed, if the interviewee requests the nondisclosure of the same.