

Interim Report Explanation Meeting

1. Purpose of the Meeting

We organized an interim report explanation meeting targeting members of the Fukushima prefectural government and municipal governments in Fukushima Prefecture. The meeting was designed to serve as an opportunity for them to better understand the activities of the Investigation Committee. We aimed to collect input from these local government representatives regarding our future investigation activities by way of a Q&A session in which we exchanged opinions with them and responded to their questions.

2. Target Audience

Members of the Fukushima prefectural government and the governments of 59 municipalities in Fukushima Prefecture were invited to attend the meeting.

(As a result, the meeting was attended by members of 49 local governments.)

3. Date, Time and Venue

Date and time: From 13:00 on Friday, January 20, 2012

Venue: “NEXT” Hall, 5F, “Espal Fukushima” Building, Fukushima City, Fukushima Prefecture

4. Participating Committee Members, etc.

- Committee members: Dr. Hatamura (Chairperson), Dr. Kakinuma, Mr. Takasu, Ms. Hayashi, Mr. Yanagida and Mr. Yoshioka
- Technical advisors: Mr. Abe and Dr. Fuchigami
- Secretariat: Mr. Ogawa (Secretary General), etc.

5. Summary of the Proceedings

- Greeting from the Chairperson
- Introduction of the Chairperson and Technical Advisors
- Explanation about the interim report (by the Secretary General, referring mainly to the contents of the executive summary)
- Q&A and the exchange of opinions

Examples of opinions from local government representatives:

- Is the problem of stone materials [from quarries in Fukushima Prefecture] found to be radiologically contaminated going to be included in the scope of investigation?
- It is difficult for local governments to be sufficiently prepared for a wide area evacuation.
- As we review how evacuation was done after the earthquake, we find major problems in the supply of information by the national government.
- At the time of evacuation, we requested the national government to make arrangements for cattle to be culled. The national government rejected this request, saying that there was no legal ground for such action.
- As you examine laws and regulations, are you giving attention to their background?
- Interim conclusion (by Chairperson Hatamura)