

# **Final Report Explanation Meeting**

## **1. Purpose of the Meeting**

The Investigation Committee convened this meeting for participation by the members of local governments (prefectural and municipal governments) in Fukushima prefecture, where people suffered serious damages from the accident at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Stations of Tokyo Electric Power Company and are therefore expected to have a great interest in the investigation results. It was an opportunity to explain and exchange opinions about the Final Report so that the participants might be able to gain deeper understanding about the results of investigations conducted by the Investigation Committee.

## **2. Participants**

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 56 local governments.)

## **3. Date, Time and Venue**

Date and time: From 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 2012

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

## **4. Participating Committee Members, etc.**

Committee members: Dr. Hatamura (Chairperson), Dr. Kakinuma, Ms. Hayashi, Mr. Furukawa, Mr. Yanagida and Mr. Yoshioka

Secretariat: Mr. Ogawa (Secretary General), etc.

## **5. Summary of the Proceedings**

- (1) Greeting by the Chairperson
- (2) Introduction of participating committee members
- (3) Explanation about the Final Report
- (4) Chairperson’s remarks (conclusive remarks at the end of investigation activities)
- (5) Q&A and exchange of opinions

Examples of opinions expressed by the members of local governments:

- It is believed that the Investigation Committee was entitled to express its opinions directly to the national government about what should be done with nuclear power plants, etc.
- Those who are being held responsible for the Fukushima nuclear accident should be clearly identified.
- There is concern as to why the national government and other stakeholders could not take necessary measures for nuclear safety, even after learning from nuclear accidents in other countries and believing in a safety myth.
- The results of the Final Report were well received. However given the present state of affairs, it is believed suggestions will simply remain ignored.
- Citizens in the affected area still continue to suffer in many ways. They must be helped in some way.
- From the standpoint of citizens in the affected area, the closure of the Fukushima nuclear accident should mean the restoration of conditions to that of before March 11.