

Memorandum of Cooperation
between
Fukushima Prefecture
and
the International Atomic Energy Agency
Following the Accident at TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station

This Memorandum of Cooperation is made between Fukushima Prefecture and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in order to confirm the willingness of both sides to implement cooperative activities.

1. Background and Objective of the Cooperation

Mr. Yuhei Sato, Governor of Fukushima Prefecture, and Mr. Yukiya Amano, Director General of the IAEA, met on 31 August 2012 in Vienna and discussed cooperative activities between Fukushima Prefecture and the IAEA. They shared the view that Fukushima Prefecture and the IAEA should make vigorous and concerted efforts to alleviate the serious consequences of the accident that occurred at TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station in Fukushima Prefecture. Radiation monitoring, remediation, decontamination and human health were identified as priority areas for cooperation.

2. Scope of the Cooperation

Following the above-referenced meeting, concrete projects, as well as ways and means to implement them, were discussed between Fukushima Prefecture and the IAEA. Further to these discussions, two Practical Arrangements have been prepared and signed to promote cooperation, one concerning cooperation between Fukushima Prefecture and the IAEA on radiation monitoring and remediation, and the other concerning cooperation between Fukushima Medical University and the IAEA on human health. These Practical Arrangements are attached hereto. A number of areas of cooperation and activities have been identified in the Practical Arrangements.

In view of the Practical Arrangements attached, and the Fukushima Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Safety, the IAEA intends to conduct various cooperation projects in Fukushima Prefecture and to share international experience and knowledge through these projects with Fukushima Prefecture. Fukushima Prefecture intends to engage in collaborative activities with the IAEA so as to ensure their smooth implementation.

3. RANET Capacity Building Centre

Furthermore, in view of the need to enhance emergency preparedness and response (EPR) capacity in light of the accident and to learn from the experiences thereof, separate Practical Arrangements have been made between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and the IAEA. Therein, the IAEA intends to conduct, on a regular basis, training activities in Fukushima Prefecture in the field of EPR for local, national and international participants. To this end, IAEA's relevant radiological monitoring equipment will be stored in Fukushima Prefecture. This equipment may also be deployed in case of nuclear emergencies in the Asia Pacific region, should such an emergency arise despite all the efforts made to prevent it. These training activities, the equipment and its storage facility, which will be supported by the Government of Japan and Fukushima Prefecture, will be collectively designated as the "IAEA Response and Assistance Network (RANET) Capacity Building Centre". Fukushima Prefecture and the IAEA shared the view that these Practical Arrangements will contribute to long-term cooperation between Fukushima Prefecture and the IAEA.

In this context, the IAEA intends to hold a RANET workshop in Fukushima Prefecture in 2013, in close cooperation with Fukushima Prefecture.

Signed on 15 December 2012 in Fukushima Prefecture

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