

Report about Fukushima trip

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Q1. What are the problems?

The main problem in Fukushima is that now many local people are struggling with the disadvantages of disaster. As I understand in Fukushima trip many local people have problems with their source of income which in most cases it is agricultural products. On the other hand they are tackling with the social view about their regions and their products. It was clear that many of people still prefer to stay in place and fight with the problem but many young generations were left the region and this matter can make a bigger problem for the future of the Fukushima. Furthermore, many farmers claim that they are against power station in their region and they don't want to have power station in this region again, so the next problem is that how to find a new resource of energy and job for this people, because many of the people in this region were depended to the this power plant station.

How to study about the agricultural problem in disaster area? This question also can be a problem, because it is difficult to study in mentioned area! What are the way of study and how to access to the suitable method for these aspects?

Q2. What are the hopes?

To find a way to reduce the effect of disaster in Fukushima especially in farmers life

To help the local people to get the new way of life to be able to stay in those place of Fukushima which yet is suited for farming or other sources of income for them.

To establish new foundations to get rid of the disaster disadvantages, such as: new research centers, new management in agriculture and sustainable agriculture.

To help people who suffer from psychological distress of disaster. Although its unpredictable to say same problem never happen in Japan or anywhere in the world, but I hope it never happen again.

Q3. What are the lessons for you?

I was lucky to be able to visit this place to understand what are the facts in Fukushima in compare with the news, because I surprise about the local people view. I understood how we can stop the same problem in future. Moreover, it was good opportunity to talk with farmers' family and become familiar with their culture. I understand how they try to be in their region and keep their life, culture and family.

Also I could learn about the advantage and disadvantage of nuclear power and how we can research about the side effects of disaster.

Q4. What can you (or do you want to) do?

As my basic major is Agriculture I believe that by making some question about problem in Fukushima Agriculture I can help to solve some problem in future. In fact all agriculture experts and scientist can help in this area. I think by cooperation with Agricultural University we will can start agriculture researches in order to reduce the side effects of disaster. My suggestion is that we can start to make some research center in order to measure the radiation contamination of products to show other people in Japan that the products are allegation by scientific from universities. On the other hand we can find the new crops which fix the radio elements in low content in their tissues. Using special organism specially plants for Bioremediation purposes, we can help Fukushima farmers to clean farms from radiation elements.