

# The 4<sup>th</sup> Citizen-Scientist International Symposium on Radiation Protection Round-table Discussion

“Outlook for the Future and Action Plan”

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# “Recuperation” and “evacuation/relocation”

- Recuperation and evacuation/relocation as a definite way to avoid radiation exposure.
- The central government and the municipalities should assume basic responsibilities for them, but in reality they have failed to act.

# Civil activities launched in the immediate post-disaster period

- The central government runs a consistent safety campaign, obviously intended to keep the evacuation attempt to minimum.

→ It was the general public and civil groups that stepped up to organize and carry out recuperation and evacuation since the immediate post-disaster period.

# Differences between governmental and civil activities

Large-scale recuperation and evacuation plans necessitate public financial and mobilization power. Lobby activities and lawsuits to overcome the government's failure to act is time-consuming with only limited results.

On the other hand, civil activities can be prompt and flexible, though limited in financial power (scale) and continuity.

# Japan Nuclear Disaster Aid Association (a.k.a. “311 Ukeire Zenkoku”)

- Japan Nuclear Disaster Aid Association  
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Nationwide network of > 50 civil groups helping with recuperation and evacuation/relocation plans.

Members include groups across Japan organizing recuperation camps, permanently-installed recuperation, refresh plans, mother/child evacuation, evacuation/relocation, and resettlement support, as well as local groups encouraging recuperation and evacuation from inside the disaster affected area.

# Role of “311 Ukeire Zenkoku”

Makes up for difficulties of civil group activities:

- Connects disaster affected area groups with groups organizing recuperation/evacuation/relocation.
- Help desk set up in disaster affected areas (local information sessions)
- Financial assistance for groups from the Recuperation Fund
- Consolidating information on municipalities offering evacuation/relocation
- Supporting mobile classrooms in cooperation with local governments as well as schools
- Sharing nationwide recuperation/evacuation/relocation information and helping with improvement of activities

# Future activities

“Nationwide Gathering for Life and Hope” in Koriyama City, Fukushima Prefecture” scheduled on November 30.

Will discuss the future outlook with the nationwide member groups, while recapitulating activities up to now. (Plans to reorganize every two years).