# THE SITUATIONS OF EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL RADIATION EXPOSURE IN FUKUSHIMA

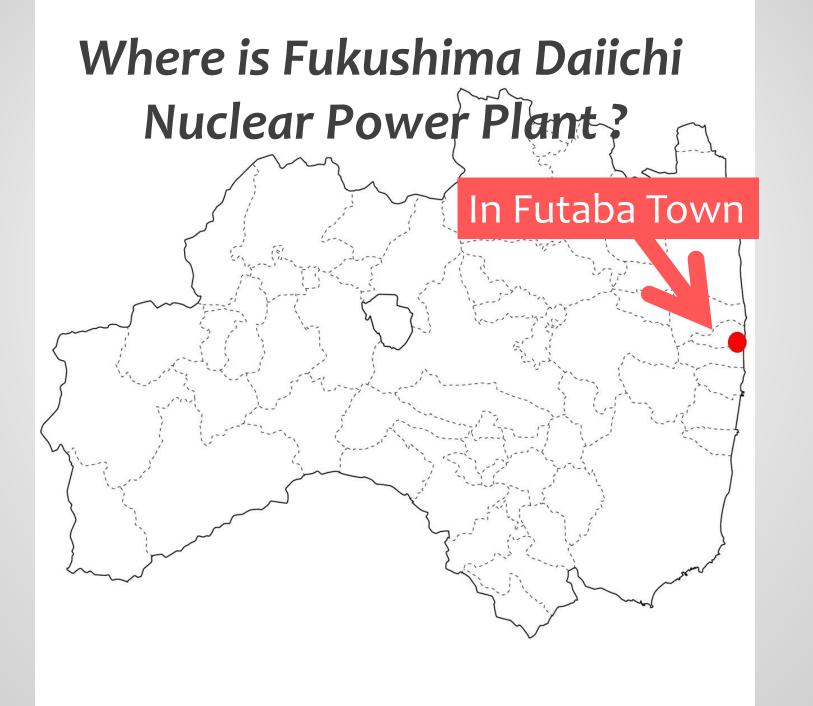
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#### Where is Fukushima?





#### 1. AFTER THE ACCIDENT



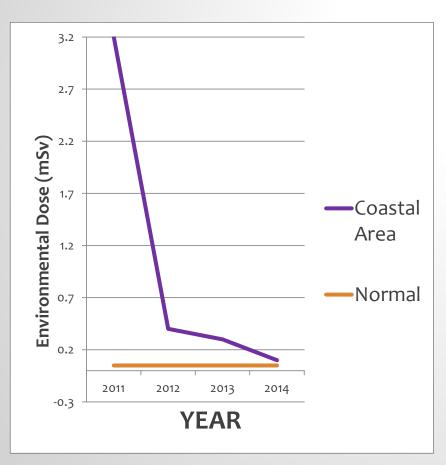
Personal dosimeter

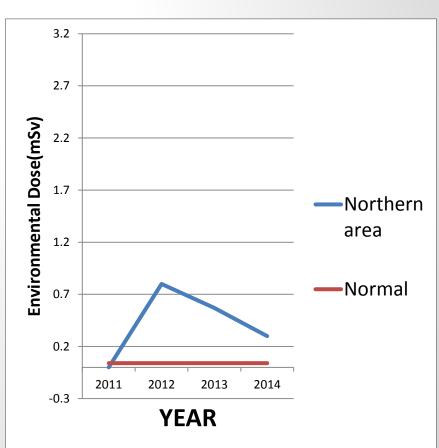


**Environmental Air Dose Monitor** 

#### 1. AFTER THE ACCIDENT

#### Environmental Radiation Dose in Fukushima

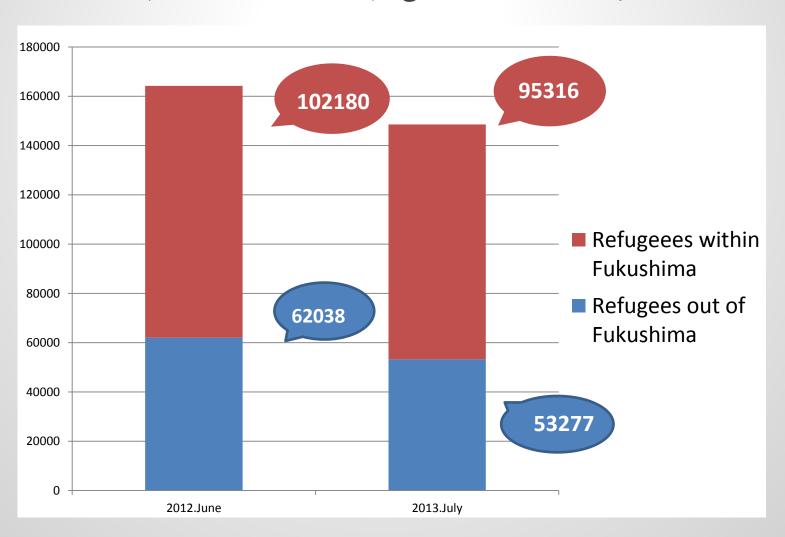




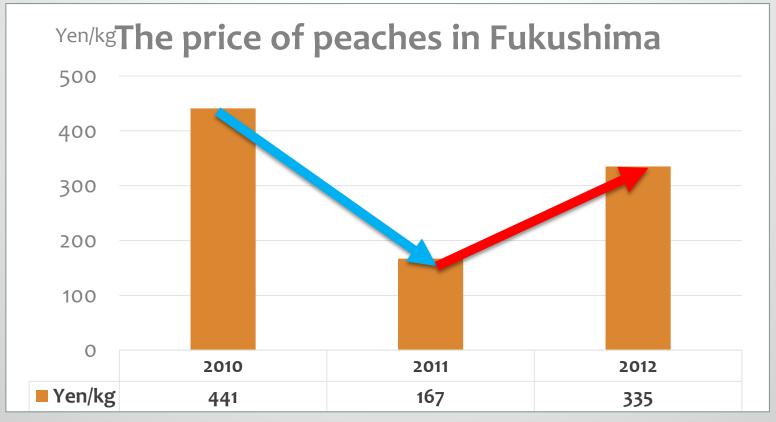
They haven't gone back to normal.

#### 1. AFTER THE ACCIDENT

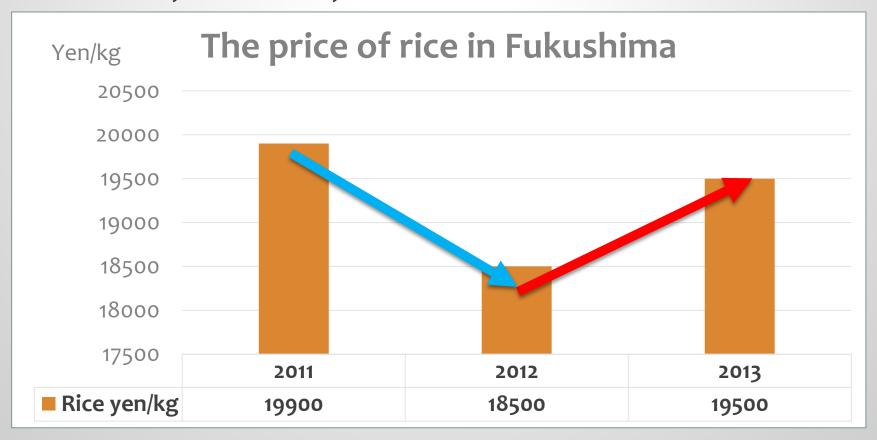
The number of Fukushima refugees has hardly decreased



- 2-1. Agriculture
- 1 Peach
- → Although the shipment has returned, the price hasn't returned.



- 2-1. Agriculture
- 2 Rice
- →The price in Fukushima is still below the average because of the harmful rumor.



#### 2-2. Tourism

 $\rightarrow$ Japanese tourists are not willing to visit Fukushima rather than foreign tourists.



#### 2-3. Discrimination

Example of discrimination outside Fukushima

- Children were treated badly, so their parents decided to return to Fukushima.
- People were required to hand in some reports of radiation inspection.
- Some people were refused to check-in hotels, take a taxi, or enter a restaurant.

One reason:

People in general did not understand radiation well and were more afraid than necessary

- 2-4. Thoughts of people in Fukushima
- 1) Interview to school lunch center
- "We want to continue to eat local food actively."
- The radiation standard for shipment of food for school lunch is very strict: 10 Bq/kg
  - cf. Food for market in Fukushima: 100 Bq/kg
  - cf. in EU: 500 1250 Bq/kg

- 2-4. Thoughts of people in Fukushima
- 2 Interview to my classmates

Some say:

"We are still doubtful."

However, most say:

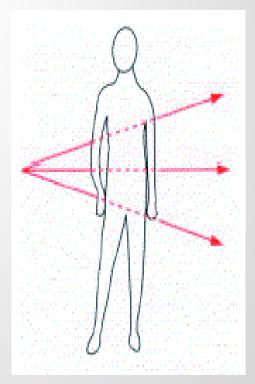
"We are not afraid of using food made in Fukushima."

"We don't care about radiation dose."

Most people living in Fukushima do not worry about radiation so much.

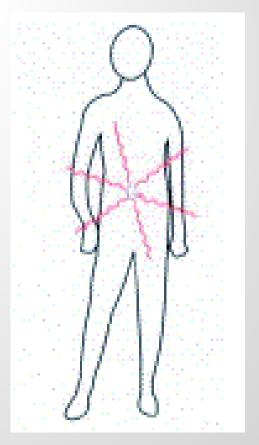
3-1. What is the External Exposure?

External exposure is being exposed to radioactive substances **outside** our bodies.



3-2. What is the Internal Exposure?

Internal exposure is being exposed to radioactive substances **inside** our bodies. e.g.) eating, breathing



#### Sv and Bq

- Sv (Sievert)... A unit to express the extent of biological effect on living bodies of radiation exposure.
- Bq (Becquerel)... A unit to express how much an object has been contaminated.

#### Conversion of Bq into Sv

You can convert Bq into Sv with effective dose coefficients (see the table below).

Isotope	Half-life (year)	Ingestion (Sv/Bq)	Inhalation (Sv/Bq)
<sup>134</sup> Cs	2.06	1.9×10 <sup>-8</sup>	2.0×10 <sup>-8</sup>
<sup>137</sup> Cs	30.0	1.3×10 <sup>-8</sup>	3.9×10 <sup>-8</sup>

#### 3-1. The External Exposure

#### The Investigation with the Integrated Dosimeter

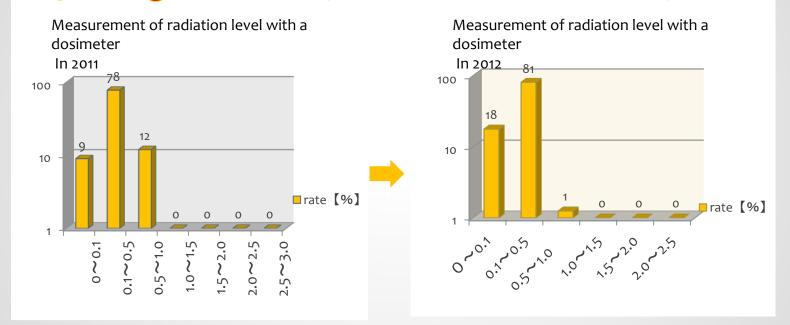
Integrated dosimeter "GLASS BADGE"





#### 3-1. The External Exposure

Comparing results of 2011 with results of 2012 (1)



Average value of the accumulated dose for three months: **0.26mSv** in 2011.

Average value of the accumulated dose for three months: **0.14mSv** in 2012.

Cumulative dose of radiation has decreased nearly in half.

#### 3-1. The External Exposure

#### Comparing results of 2011 with results of 2012 (2)

• 90% of Fukushima residents were exposed to less than 0.5mSv over 3 months.



- This is less than 2.0mSv/year.
- The ICRP excess radiation limit is 20mSv/year.
- The global average of natural radiation is 2.4mSv/year.



Fukushima residents were NOT exposed to large amounts of radiation.

#### 3-2. The Internal Exposure

#### Monitoring Investigation of Daily Meals

• Examination method... All meals, snacks, and drinks from one day were measured together by using germanium semiconductor detector.

• Inspection period... Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012~Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013

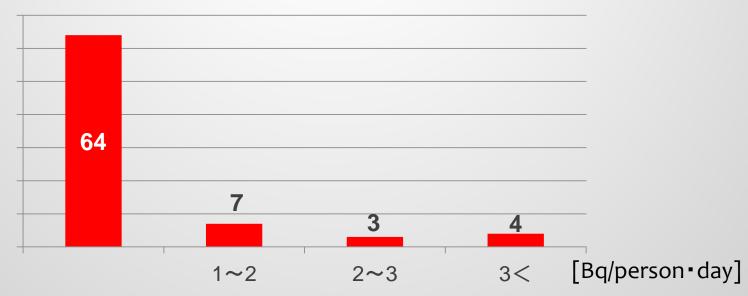
• Respondent to this survey... ordinary people selected at random: 78 people

#### 3-2. The Internal Exposure

#### Monitoring Investigation of Daily Meals: Result

- Measured values are in 0.076 ~22Bq/(person ·day).
- 4 people have been exposed to radiation over 3Bq/(person -day).
- Most people have been exposed radiation under 1Bq/(person day).

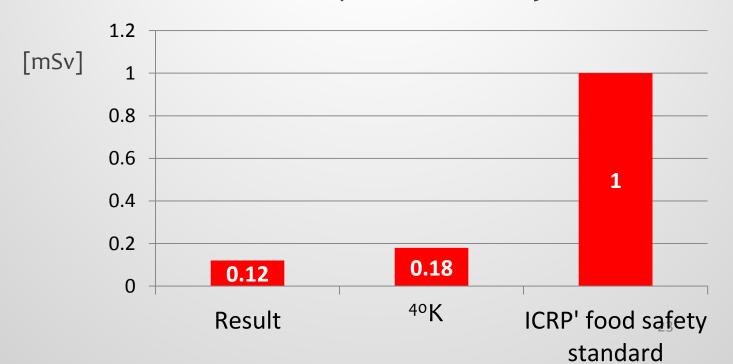
Intake of radioactive cesium in daily meals [people]



#### 3-2. The Internal Exposure

#### Monitoring Investigation of Daily Meals: Result

- Max.: 22Bq/day= 0.12mSv/year
  - << Below ICRP's safety standard: 1mSV/year
  - cf. You have to eat about 70,000Bq for a year to get 1mSv.
  - << Below the natural dose of 40K: 0.18mSv/year



#### 4. Conclusion

The 2 types of investigations:

the investigation with integrated dosimeters, and monitoring investigation of daily meals show:



We can clearly claim that **Fukushima is SAFE**.

### Thank you for listening!