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# Fukushima: The impact on the environment and public health

**Overview** 

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# Mourn for Victims

We would like to express our mourn for victims of earthquake, tsunami and NPP accident. : around 20,000 death.

We would like to express our appreciation for the support of Japan from all over the world.

Acknowledgement : for the Arrangement of this session by IRPA.

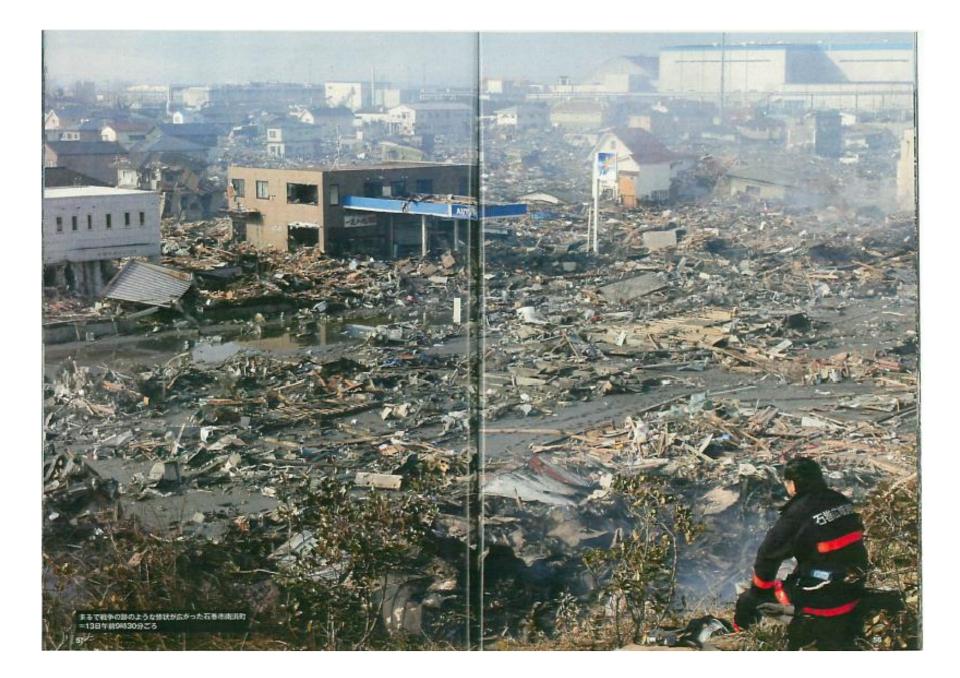
## Great East Japan Earthquake

# 14:16, March 11, 2011

Magnitude 9.0 More than twenty thousands Death and missing people More than forty hundreds of thousands Evacuees

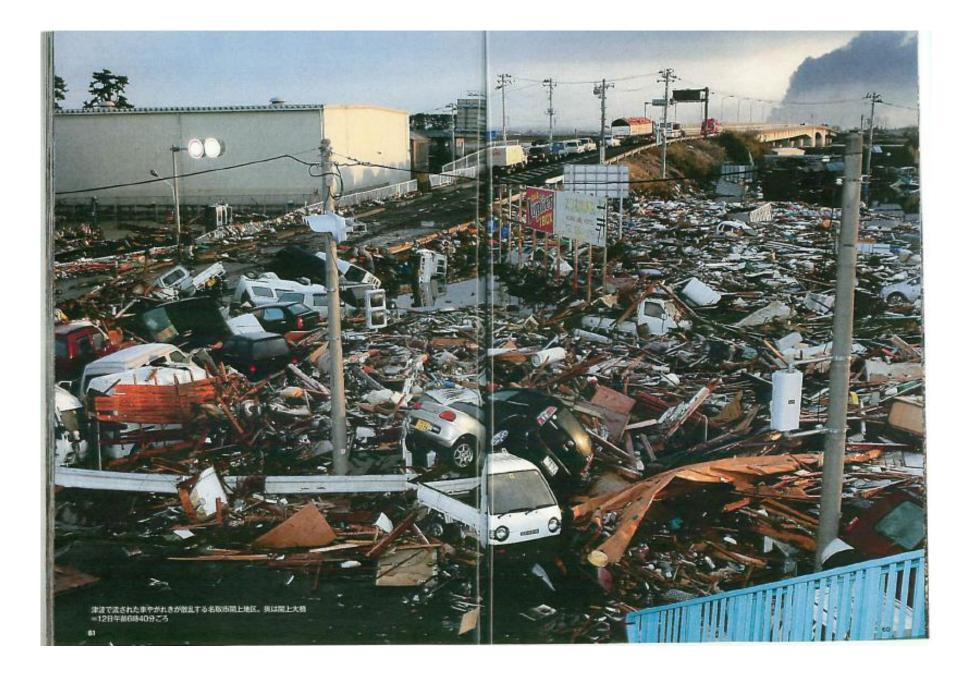


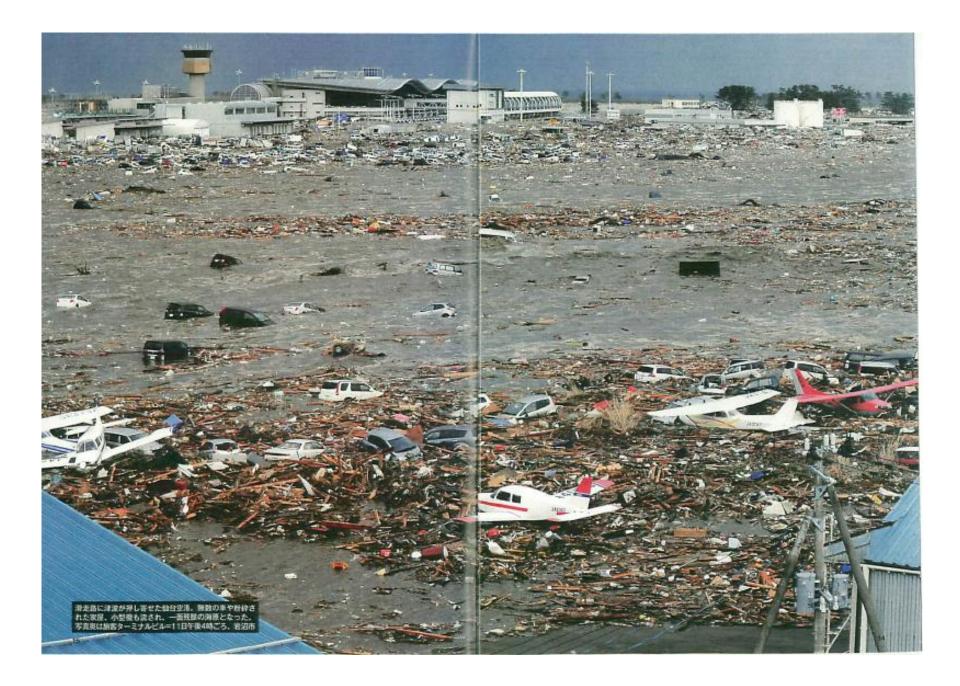










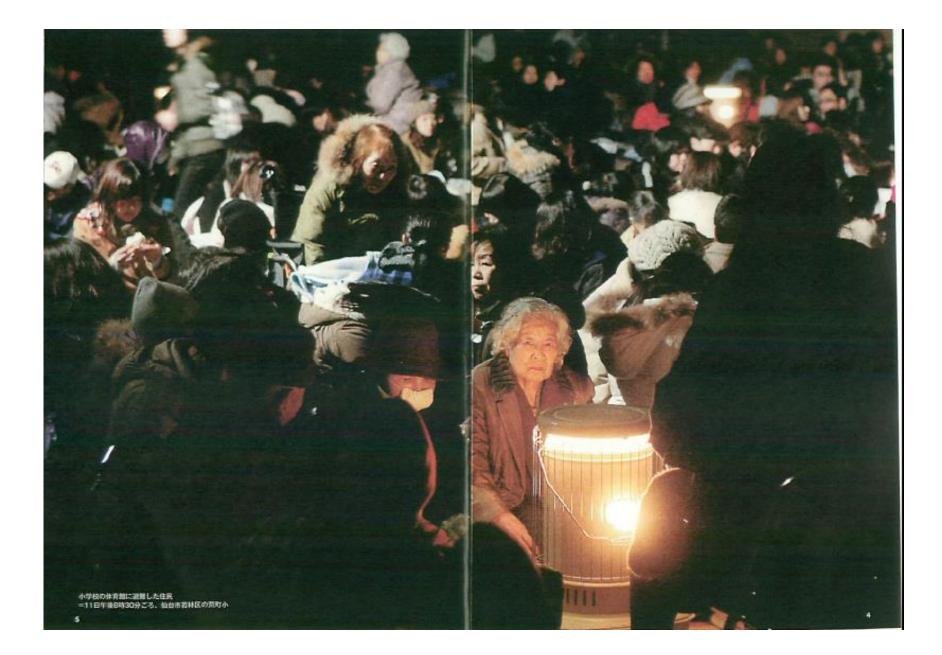


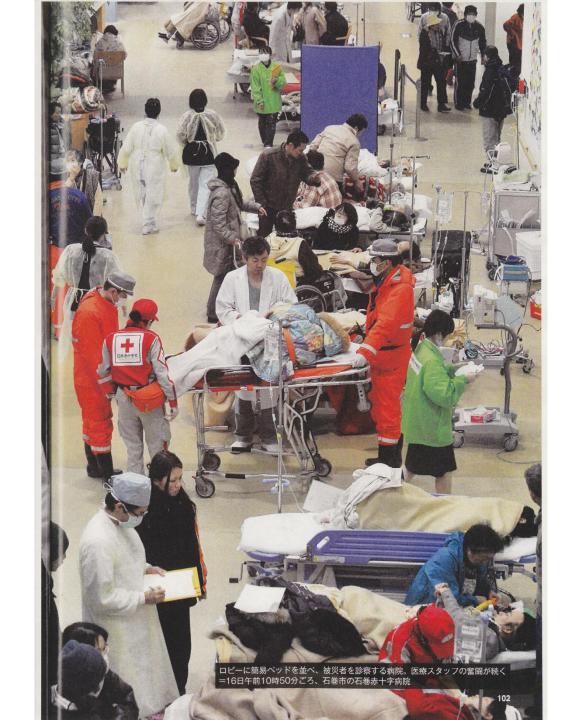


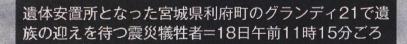














## Fukushima-Dai-ichi NPP accident



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Unit No. 1 Reactor Building

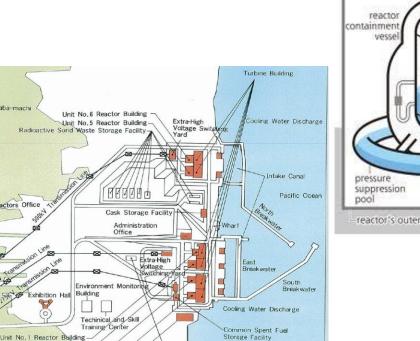
Unit No. 2 Reactor Building Unit No.3 Reactor Building

Unit No.4 Reactor Building

Treatment

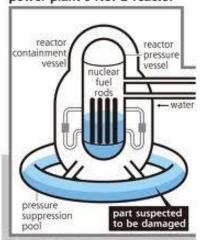
Centralized Radiation Waste

Fukushima No. 1 nuclear power plant's No. 2 reactor



Large Maintenance

Equipment Building

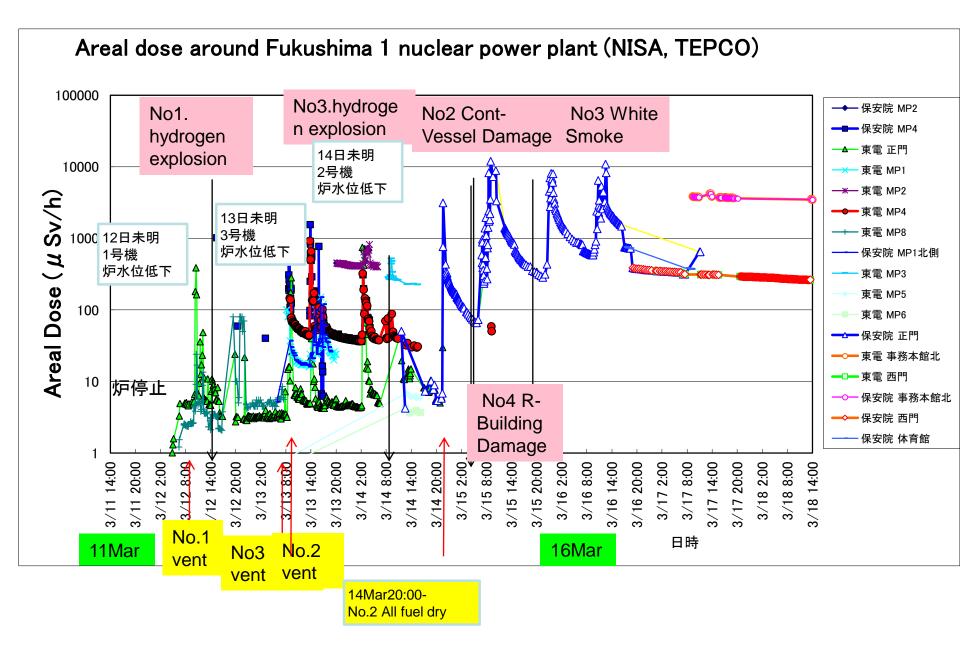


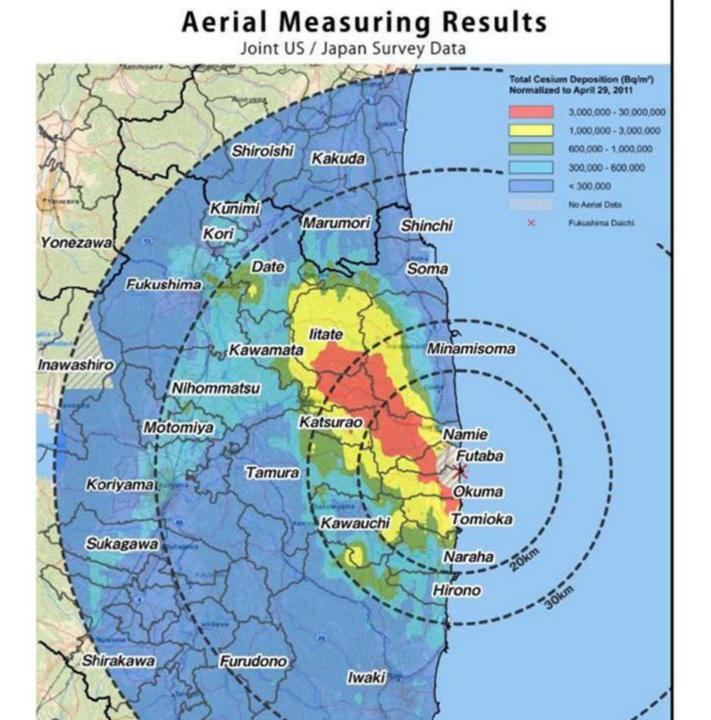
reactor's outer containment building





### Release of Radioactivity from Fukushima No.1 NPP





## What happened in Fukushima?

Extraordinary large external event Earthquake (Magnitude 9.0), Tsunami (20m) Station blackout > Core melt down ✓ EPZ (Emergency Preparation Zone) 2km radius > 5km > 10km > 20km : 1-2 days ✓Off-Site Center (Substantial Center) Government + Local G. + NPP + Media The distance, around 5km Earthquake, Tsunami > damage Radiation plume, High radiation dose > can't use Move to Fukushima prefectural capital (100km)

## What happened in Fukushima?

✓Reactor

Coolant supply, Emergency workers (Dose limit) Firemen, soldier etc.

✓Environment

Emergency monitoring, Huge number of data, Information sharing, Straggle between organization

✓Inhabitants

Delivery of information, Iodine pill application, Collection of corpses, Domestic animals and house pets

✓Mass media and general public

Bashing and sensational, > impact to the Cabinet, NISA, MEXT, NSC, Local Gov.

## What happened in Fukushima?

✓ Early stage countermeasure Too much insist of 100mSv Food control ✓ Middle period countermeasure Too much insist of 20mSv Decontamination (>Cleanup) of environment Food control ✓Long term countermeasure Risk communication, Children's problem, Compensation of the disasters Environment, forest, farmland reform Rebuilding of the safety department Joining of NISA, NSC and others Positioning of the Nuclear Power Plants in electric supply

# A state of confusion after the accident

Event	Reasons
Sheltering and Evacuation	<ul> <li>Future step is unclear, even a week later</li> <li>Engagement of the Government, awkward</li> <li>Role of the local Government, awkward</li> </ul>
Termination of the Declaration of Emergency	<ul> <li>Termination procedure is unclear</li> </ul>
Food and Drink Control	<ul> <li>Permitted level of food?, Reasonability? Flexibility?</li> <li>pollution level for planting soil</li> <li>pollution of seawater for marine products</li> </ul>
Influence on public health	<ul> <li>Accurate dose estimation of residents</li> <li>Uncertainty of low dose health effect to man</li> </ul>

## Dose Limitation for Emergency Workers

## <u>Details</u>

- Japanese regulation; 100 mSv
- Submitted a question of limitation change from 100 to 250 mSv to Radiation Protection Board for de



Radiation Protection Board for deliberation. (March 14). Approved in a shot time (2hours) by NRC.

 On March 26, Industrial Minister declared a new vale of 250 mSv for emergency worker's dose limit.

#### **Problem**

+ About 500 mSv is Recommended by ICRP and IAEA.

+ Japanese Radiation Protection Board has already summarized a

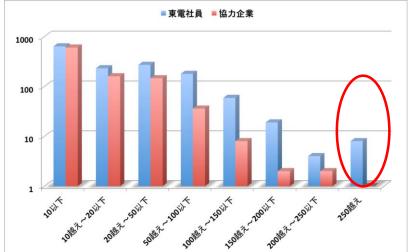
recommendation to change to a new vale of 500 mSv by following

ICRP. (January, 2011)

(The intermediate report on the introduction of a new radiation

protection system of ICRP-103 (2007 Recom.) to Japanese regulatory system is opened in the home page of the government.)

+ The harmonization between the International guide and Japanese one is an important issue.



Workers' Dose, June 13, 2011, Press release by Tokyo Electric Co.

# Setting of Evacuation Area

- Details
  - Application of 20 mSv/year

- Planned evacuation area:

Lower value among 20-100 mSv/y reference level at emergency exposure situation by ICRP Pub. 103 (2007 recommendation).

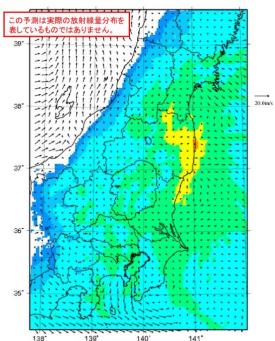
– On the other hand, same 20 mS/y was applied as a guide for use of school ground, which was an upper value of reference level of 1-20 mSv/y in an existing exposure situation



## Prediction of Radionuclide Diffusion at a Nuclear Emergency

## Details

- Worse Use of System for Prediction of Environmental Emergency Dose Information (<u>SPEEDI</u>)
  - The hard case to determine the source ter of radionuclide release
  - No use of SPEEDI result to use an emergency countermeasure for the dose reduction of refugee exposure
- Information opening to the public by foreign organizations
  - Weather authorities or nuclear authorities, in Germany, UK, France, Austria etc.



Deposition of I-131 (00:00, March 25, 2011)

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Surface deposition of I-131 at UTC= 2011-03-24\_15h

Processing and Disposal of Wastes after the Disaster

## **Details**

--Tentative guidance By Nuclear Safety Commission (NSC) June 3. 2011

- 10  $\mu Sv/y,\,$  for recycle and reuse goods
- 1 mSv/y, workers for collecting, transportation and storage.
- 1 mSv/y, workers for waste processing
- Disposal facility, dose for surrounding residents after the facility closure
  - 10 µSv/y on basic scenario
    - 0.3 mSv/y on variation scenario
- Basic concept "Policy on the disaster waste treatment in Fukushima Prefecture", by Environment Ministry, June 23, 2011
  - Presupposition: "Guarantee of the Safety "
    - of workers and surrounding residents for the operation of incineration plants and final disposal facilities
  - If in case of no satisfaction of the guidance by NSC:

After taking an appropriate temporal storage, the regulatory authority should immediately investigate a safety disposal measure



## Control of Contaminated Foods and Drinks

- Details
  - Intervention Level on the Intake Limitation of Foods and Drinks



Pile of returned Spinach to Scrap (Tokyo Central Wholesale Market, March 23)

- + Thyroid Equivalent Dose by Radio-Iodine : 50 mSv
  - Specific iodine deposition to thyroid
- + Effective Dose by Radio-Cesium :

5 mSv

ICRP Pub. 40

(1984)

	Committed Dose(mSv/y)		
	Effective Dose	Equivalent Dose (Each Organ)	Ì
Upper Dose Level <	50	500	$\triangleright$
Lower Dose Level	5	50	1

Radiation level judgment on the use of school buildings and grounds in Fukushima Prefecture



- Details
  - -<u>Application of 1-20 mSv/year</u>

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(Ministry of Education notification on April 19) Based on ICRP Publ.109 (exposure situation in the emergency)

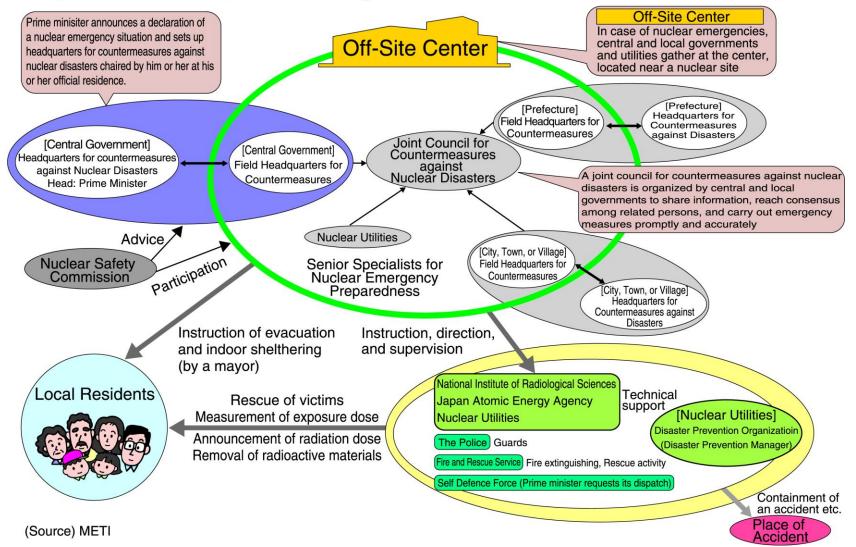
- CRP Publ.109 (Emergency Exposure Situation) Application of Reference level 20-100 (lower value of 20 mSv/year) Changed to Publ.103 (Reference level on a Restoration, upper value of 20 in 1-20 mSv/y)
- <u>Regular ground use is possible below 3.8µSv/h</u>. (Derived from 20mSv/y including occupancy factor)

# **Principles of Radiation Protection**

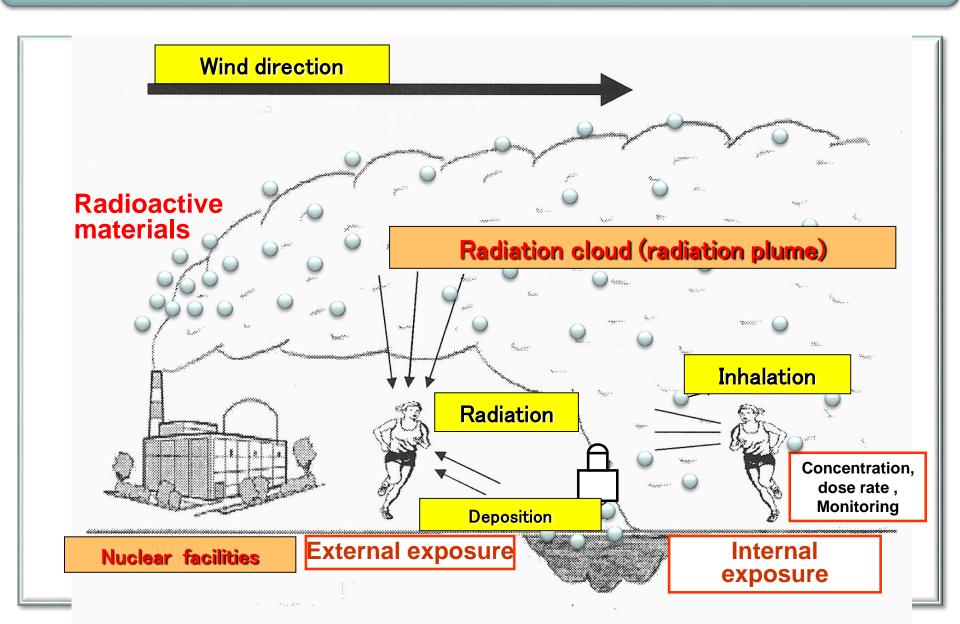
# Emergency preparedness for nuclear accident

### **Disaster Prevention Systems during Nuclear Emergencies**

[If abnormalities occur, central and local governments and utilities are united and take measures]

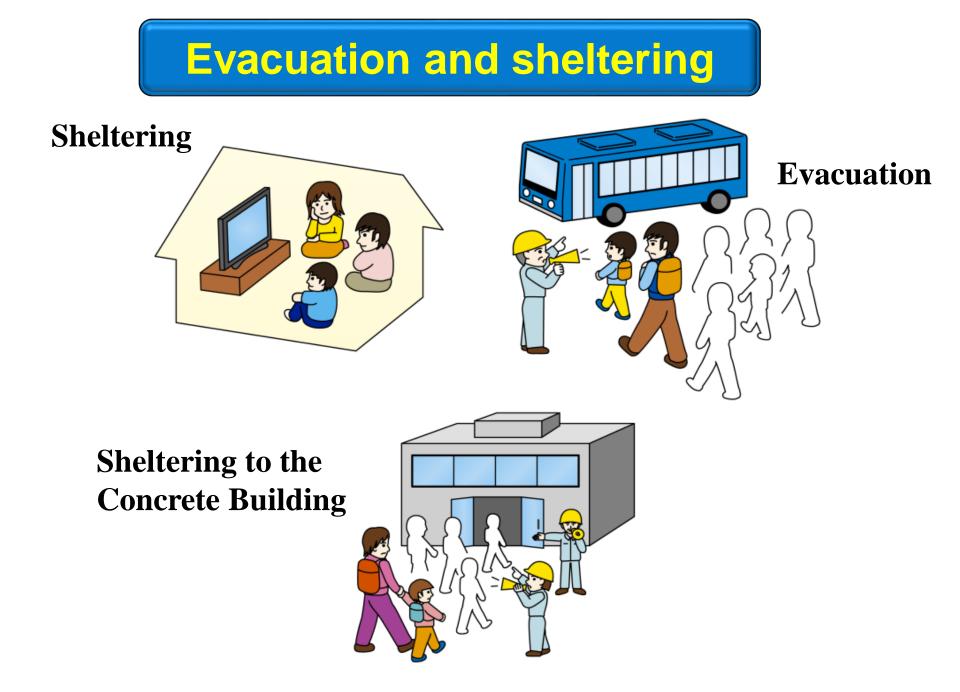


## Conceptual figure of exposure by radiation plume



# Countermeasure

- **1** Sheltering
- **2** Sheltering to concrete building
- **3** Evacuation
- **4** Application of stable iodine
- **(5)** Control of drinking water, milk and food
- **6** Restriction of entry



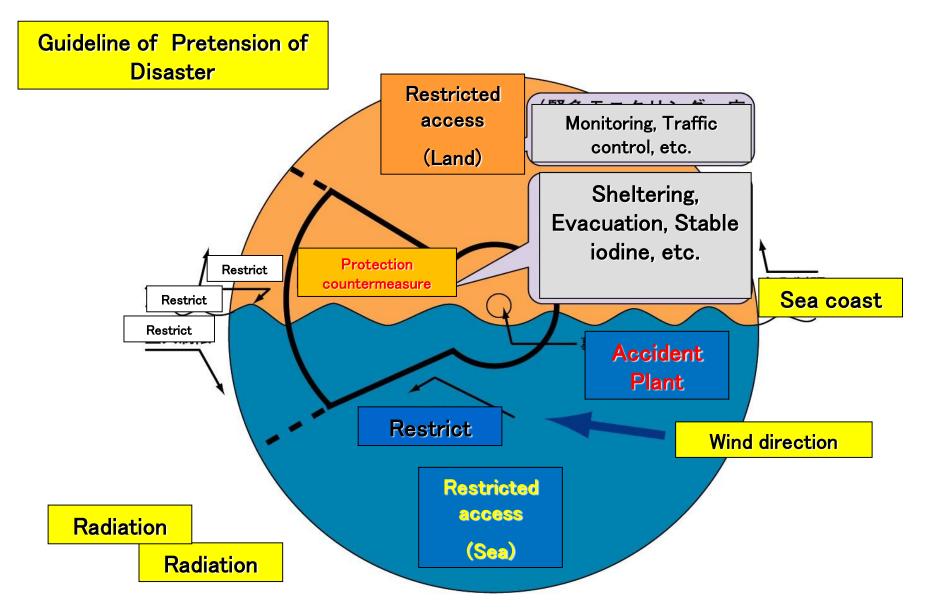
**Reduction of iodine plume** 

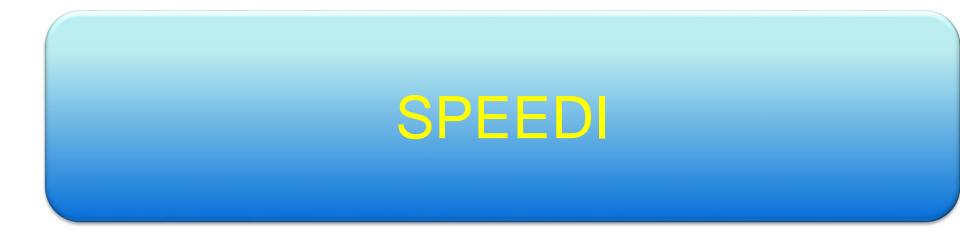
Building type Reduction rate

• Airtight Building 1/20 - 1/70

• Normal building 1/4 - 1/10

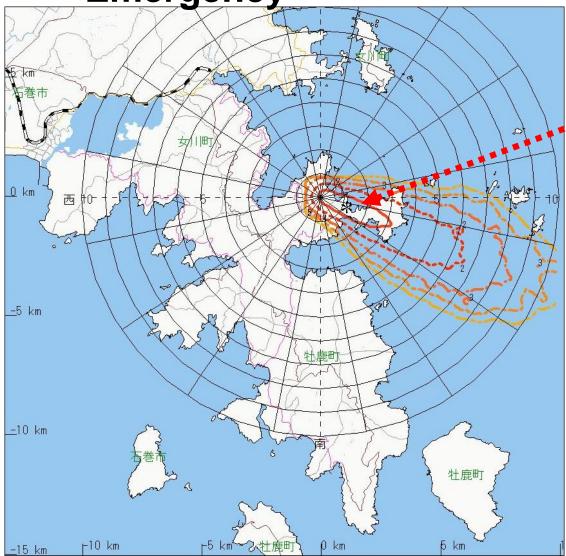
#### Example of countermeasure area and access restricted area





# **SPEEDI** (System for Prediction of Environmental Emergency Dose Information)

## (1) Monitoring support in case of Emergency





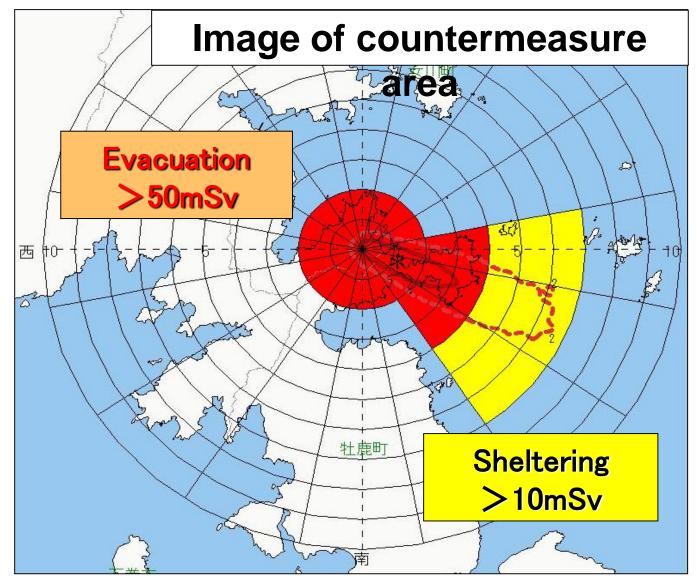
#### **Monitoring car**



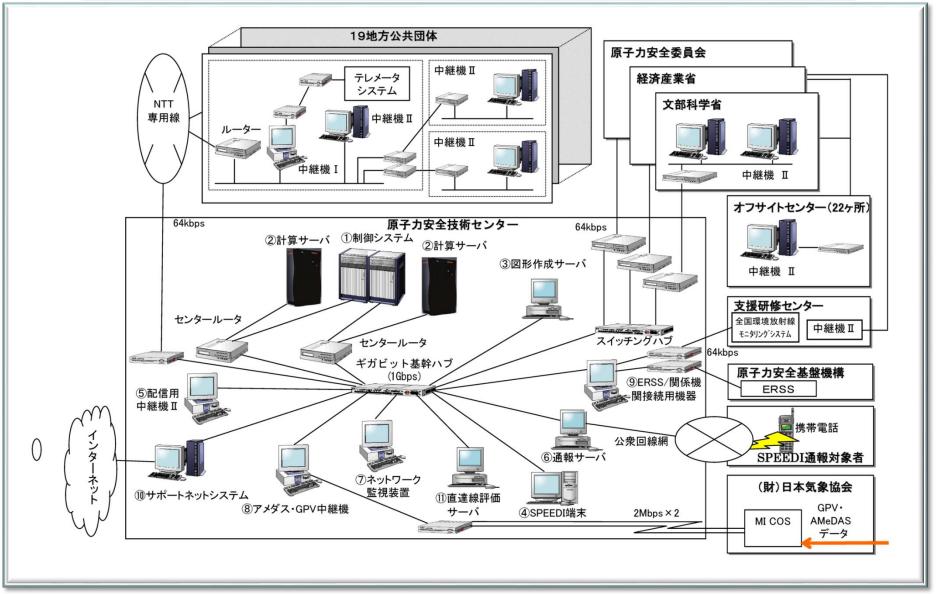
#### **Survey meters**

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# (2) Planning of the countermeasure

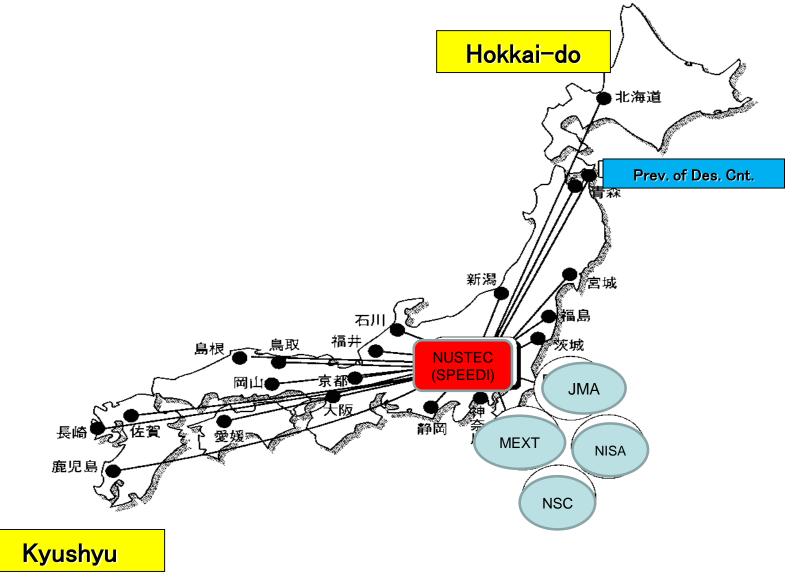


# **Construction of SPEEDI System**

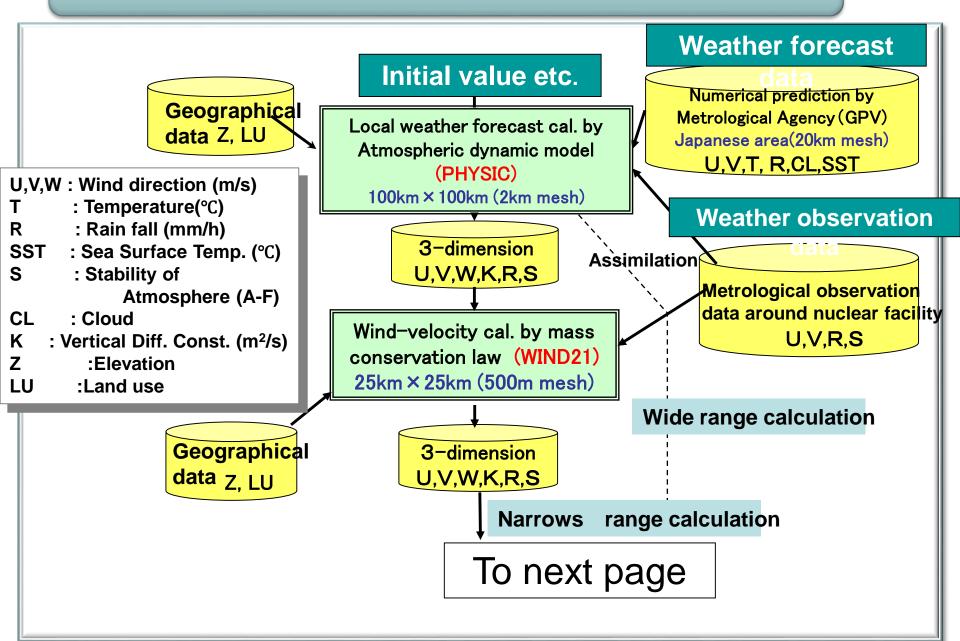


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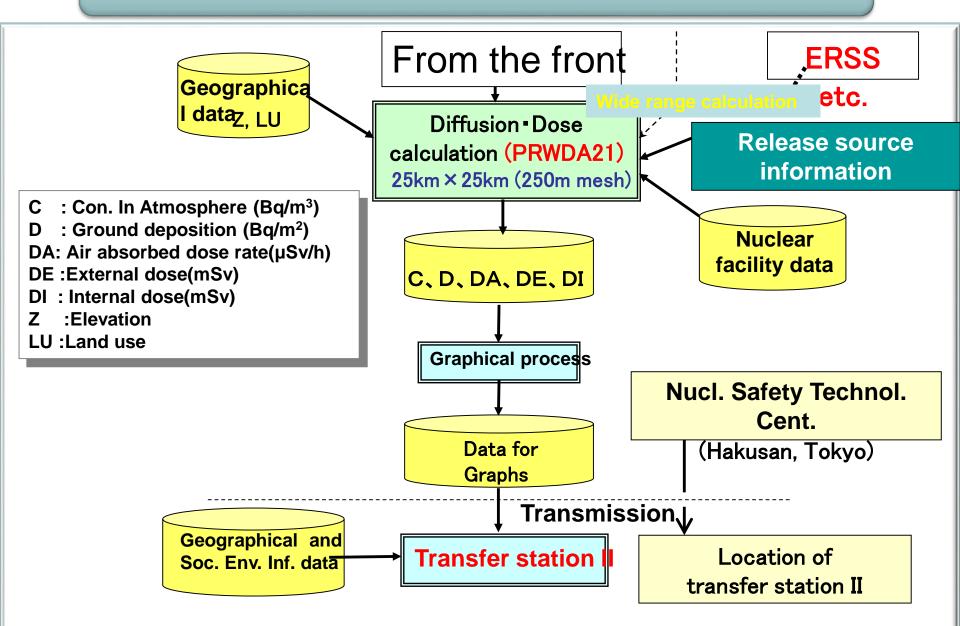
#### Data communication network by SPEEDI System



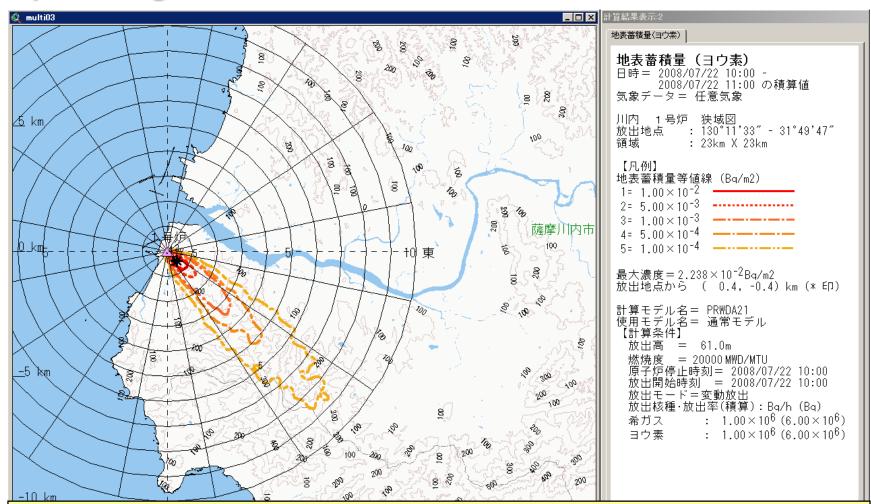
# Calculation flow of SPEEDI(1/2)



## Calculation flow of SPEEDI (2/2)



#### **Out put of figures** Surface accumulation dose by deposition

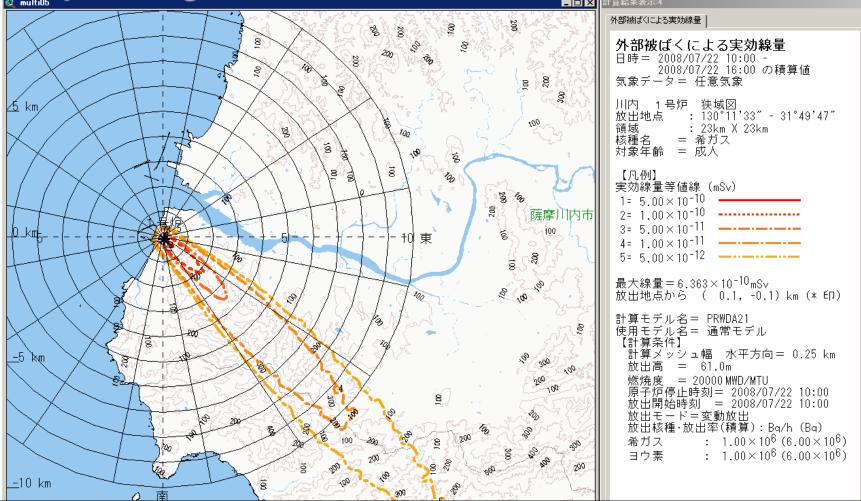


#### Surface deposition by radioactive plume(Bq/m<sup>2</sup>)

**①** Judgment of environmental sampling point

 $oxed{2}$  Judgment of food and drinking water control by  $oxed{1}$ 

#### Out put of figures Effective dose by External exposure

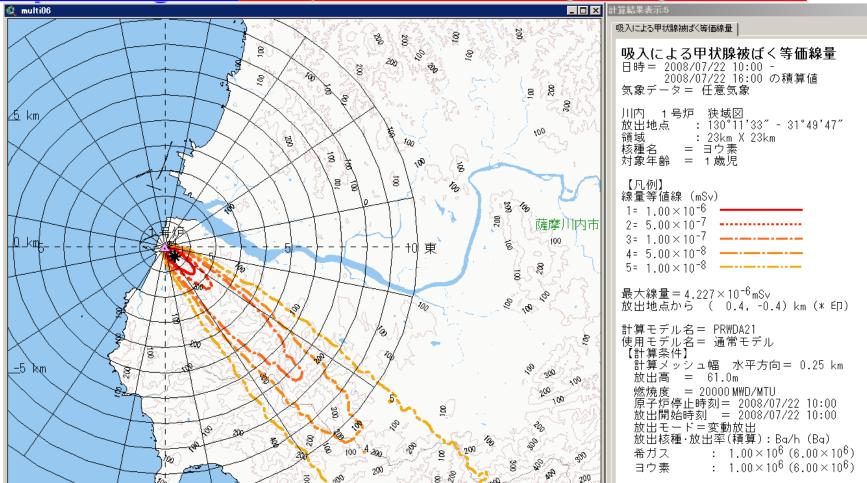


External exposure effective dose by radioactive plume and surface deposition(mSv)

① Estimation of inhabitants external dose

2 Judgment of sheltering, evacuation and other protective measure

#### **Out put of figures** Equivalent dose of thyroid by inhalation



<u>Thyroid equivalent dose</u> by the inhalation of radiation plume including iodine Age dependent (mSv)

- 1 Judgment of the application of stable iodine pill
- 2 Estimation of inhabitants internal dose
- 3 Judgment of sheltering, evacuation and other protective measure

# How to use a prediction system?

Positioning of SPEEDI system in the emergency countermeasure

Desk top plan and practical strategy

Who operate, judge and order?

MEXT, NISA, NSC, Cabinet?

Prediction system

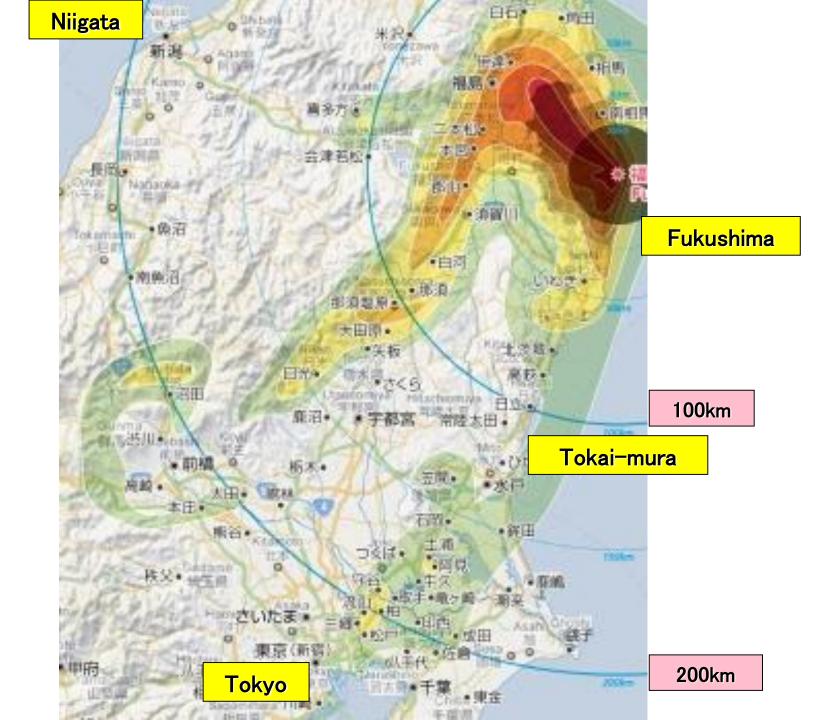
> incase of failure who can take a liability?

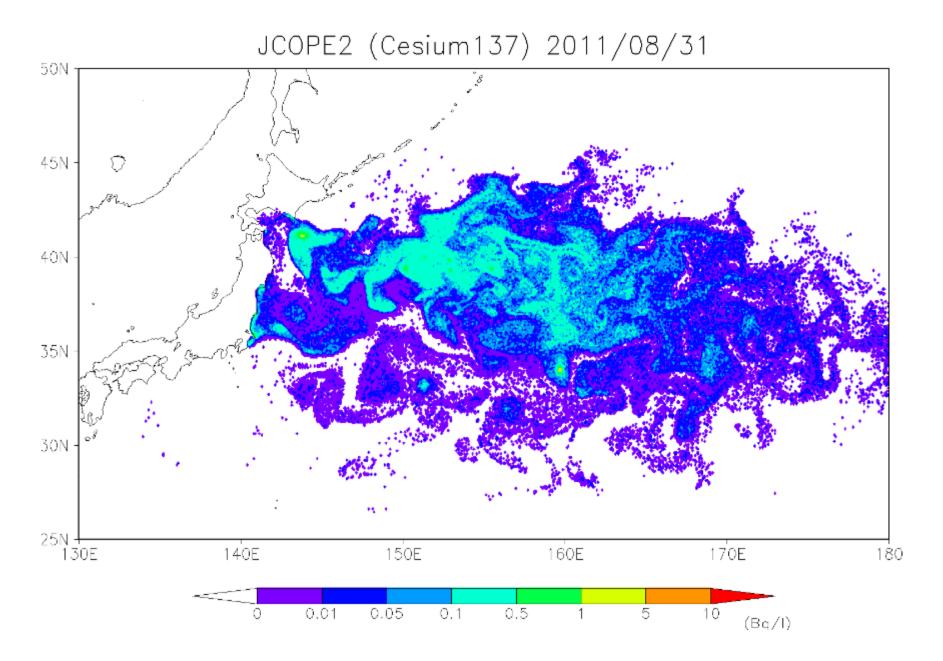
✓Top management in emergency

To show every thing always has a political risk! How to keep a quality of topmanager.

✓Positioning of science and technology

Separate specialization and Integrated judgment and order



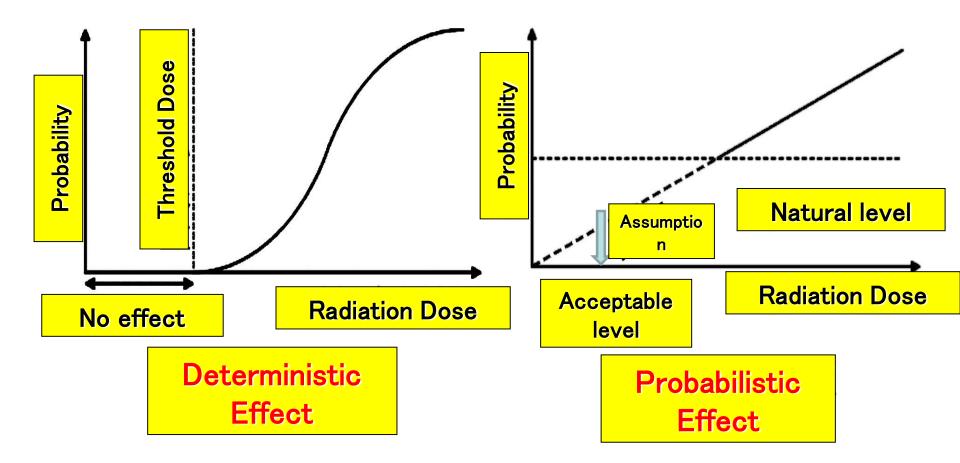


Radiation risk to human being

# Development of radiation risk understanding

# Specialist risk understanding

• Public risk understanding



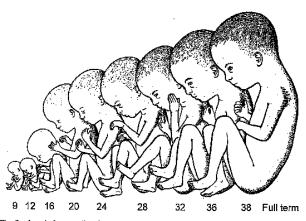


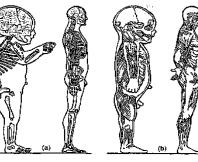
Fig. 3.2. The fetal period, extending from Week 9 to birth (Reprinted with permission from Moore et al., 1994 Color Atlas of Clinical Embryology ©W.B. Saunders Co., Philadelphia, PA.).

#### Baby and chirdren's problem





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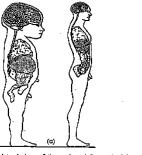


Fig. 4.9. Right lateral views of the newborn infant and adult male reconstructed to the same height (Semmon, 1933) (a) The skeleton, (b) the nutscolature, suboutaneous tissue, and skin, and (c) the major visceral mass and the central pervous system.



# Dose Constraints and Reference Levels (ICRP)

Projecte d Dose (mSv)	Characteristics and Requirements	Type of Exposure Situation
20 - 100	Exceptional situations. Benefit on a case- by-case basis. Information, training and individual monitoring of workers, assessment of public doses.	Emergency Existing
1 - 20	Individual or societal benefit. Information, education and training. Individual monitoring or assessment.	Emergency Existing Planned
0.01 - 1	Societal benefit (not individual). No information, training or individual monitoring. Assessment of doses for compliance.	Planned

# How to operate an existing exposure situations?

✓Too height, too low policy!

Too height: Below 100mSv – Nothing will occur. Too low: Below 1mSv – Too low and impossible, sometimes too much nerves.✓Optimization problem under existing situation.

The concept of averted dose is important for the trade off optimization in decision making procedure.

For final decision the "stakeholder involvement" is inevitable in decision making procedure.

This is a lesson from the Chernobyl reactor accident.
 The composition of table-top guide level will be efused.
 ✓Reference will be good by ICRP-82 and ICRO-111.



### Food contamination

### Other material contamination











#### Early stage clean- up (or decontamination





# Nuclear damage compensation system is tolerable?

✓The range of compensation

Radiation based on the zone, Farmers, Fisherman, Physiological damage by evacuation (e.g. 60

thousand USD) etc.

Government assessment committee will decide each issue of compensation.

✓Utility liability (TEPCO)

1,200 Million USD per reactor site

In this stage: Under discussion

--10,000 Million USD is proposed by Banks.

✓Government support

In this stage: Under discussion

--10,000 Million USD is proposed.

# International activities

- + Japan Health Physics Society (JHPS)
- + International Radiation Protection Association (IRPA)
- + Asian and Oceanic Association for Radiation Protection (AOARP)
- + Health Physics Society, US (HPS)









