OECD Leaders’ Dialogue: Building the Future of Fukushima – 8 years after the earthquake and nuclear accident –

Preliminary agenda

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Steady progress has been made to reconstruct Fukushima following the devastating Great East Japan Earthquake and accident at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plants in March 2011. Some of the evacuated residents have returned to their homes and basic infrastructure in the region is functioning once again, supporting the recovery of the regional economy and everyday life. Nonetheless, a number of challenges remain, including the need to foster local industries that can sustain long-term economic development and eliminate the negative reputation of Fukushima’s agricultural products.

The OECD is committed to supporting Japan’s recovery and reconstruction. The OECD Tohoku School Project was launched to help high-school and junior high-school students in the Tohoku area. The OECD Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) continues to provide technical support for both the decommissioning strategy and recovery efforts, and over the past few years has hosted a number of international events on food safety concerns. In 2019, at the request of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), the OECD is organising a series of expert-level policy dialogues between the central government, Fukushima prefecture and local stakeholders, which aims to discuss how to promote industrial clustering as part of the long-term decommissioning of Fukushima Daiichi, and how to develop a vision for the future of Fukushima.

This event will convene leaders from the central and local governments at the time of the OECD Secretary-General’s official visit to Japan, to share updates on reconstruction efforts and remaining challenges with a wider audience. The dialogue aims to discuss the future of Fukushima and how the OECD can provide support.

► OECD’s commitment for Fukushima reconstruction, ongoing and future initiatives
► Japan’s current reconstruction efforts (e.g. Fukushima Innovation Coast Framework)
► Local perspectives: progress, persistent challenges and how the OECD and international community can help
► Fukushima’s reconstruction efforts: Lessons learned for the international community

Fukushima’s future leaders are also together with us! Students from “Futaba Future School” will join the Dialogue via video conference from Fukushima and give their voice.

TIME AND VENUE

► Time: Tuesday, 16 April, 10-11 a.m.
  (Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. Welcome coffee will be served with Fukushima sweets.)

► Venue: Akasaka Intercity Conference Center, “The Amphitheatre”
  3F・4F Akasaka Intercity AIR, 1-8-1 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo
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LEADERS

Angel Gurría
OECD Secretary-General

Angel Gurría has been the Secretary-General of the OECD since 2006. Under his leadership, the Organisation has established itself as a pillar of the global economic governance architecture including the G7, G20 and APEC, and a reference point in the design and implementation of better policies for better lives.

Akimasa Ishikawa
Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry / Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Reconstruction

Akimasa Ishikawa was appointed as Parliamentary Vice-Minister on October 4, 2018. He has held prominent positions in the house of Representatives since first elected in 2012. He also served as Secretary-General of the Special Committee on Nuclear Regulations for the Liberal Democratic Party Policy Research Council.

Masao Uchibori
Governor of Fukushima Prefecture

Masao Uchibori assumed office as Governor in November 2014 and was re-elected in 2018. Prior to becoming Governor, he served as Vice-Governor from 2006 to 2014. Governor Uchibori previously worked for the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (prev. Ministry of Home Affairs) from 1986, he then joined the Fukushima prefectural government in 2001.

Satoshi Endo
Mayor of Hirono Town, Fukushima Prefecture

Satoshi Endo was elected as Mayor in 2013 and re-elected in 2017. Prior to becoming the Mayor, he had served as a member of the Town Parliament for 7 years after his more than 20-year career in a local private company. Mayor Endo has actively committed to both national and regional policy making for Fukushima Reconstruction, based on his first-hand experiences.

Moderator: Lamia Kamal-Chaoui
Director of Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE)

Lamia Kamal-Chaoui has served as the Director of CFE since 2016. As a key member of the OECD Senior Management, she has held several top positions such as Senior Advisor to the OECD Secretary-General (2012-16) and Head of the Urban Programme (2003-12). She also worked in the OECD Trade Directorate and the Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs.

REGISTRATION & CONTACT

► The event is invitation only and open to the media. Japanese-English simultaneous translation will be provided.

► Please register your participation by contacting Ms Mai SASAKI (Mai.SASAKI@oecd.org) and Mr Kentaro FUNAKI (Kentaro.FUNAKI@oecd-nea.org), OECD Secretariat, with your affiliation.