Report **Fukushima Visit**

"Life and Agriculture after Tohoku Earthquake and Fukushima Nuclear Disaster" on 17-18 Dec.

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Q1. What are the problems?

After Tohoku Earthquake all world learned about Fukushima and a lot of people were worried about radioactive contamination of water and air which were spreading by flows and winds from the epicenter of the accident because these nature process are difficult to control. Also the problem of contaminated goods and food products from Japan was issue of the day. And also long chain of the problems for people who were affected by the incident: loss of relatives, loss houses, lack of food and water, complexity of radiation contamination, how to protect yourself from the radiation which impossible to see? Little by little government and some nongovernment organizations started to solve some problems: evacuate people, build up temporal houses, scientists started to look for some ways how to control and measure radiation. From our trip I also learned that some people try to oppose the using of a nuclear power. One of a farmers showed the photos with horrors which happens with animals after the incident and now he continues to feed animals which are suffering from nuclear contamination. This incident has very strong impact to the life of all Japan. The most famous fact about Japan is suffering from lack of area. But after Tohoku Earthquake Japan lost huge areas for people living and agriculture, it is important to know that economy of Fukushima area based mostly on agriculture.

Q2. What are the hopes?

The main hope is that this accident will never happen again in the future. The hope for people who lost their hometown that later it will be able to come back. The scientists hope that they will find universal method for removing of radiation.

Q3. What are the lessons for you?

Unfortunately modern humanity cannot reject a nuclear power because alternative energy recourses are also not ideal. But it is better do not forget about possible problems from nuclear power and make special attention for choosing the place for building and exploitation of this kind of electro stations.

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

From the one hand I can support by money but I am not wealthy for donation. I can buy products from this region and support farmers but I am not very healthy and a little afraid. And also I am not a specialist in psychology and I cannot help people in their rehabilitation. I think that I can help just only in one way – participate in some research work dedicated to solving of radiation problem.