

January 18, 2024

2024 Fukushima Medical University International Symposium on the Fukushima Health Management Survey (FHMS) to be held on Mar. 2, 2024

1. Purpose

FMU's Radiation Medical Science Center for the Fukushima Health Management Survey (hereinafter, "the Center") invites you to join us for "**3.11: Sharing lessons of Fukushima with Japan and the world**," a symposium for domestic and international participants to share findings from the Fukushima Health Management Survey (FHMS), to advance scientific knowledge by discussing survey results with local and global experts, and to utilize the results to maintain and improve the health of prefectural residents.

*What is "The Fukushima Health Management Survey (FHMS)"?

The **FHMS** is a health survey that Fukushima Prefecture has commissioned Fukushima Medical University to conduct since 2011. Its purpose is to assess prefectural residents' exposure doses following the release of radioactive materials and their evacuation after the accident at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant, as well as to ascertain the health status of residents in general, for disease prevention, early detection, early treatment, and to maintain and promote the health of prefectural residents into the future.

The Survey consists of a *Basic Survey* to estimate external radiation doses during the period when air doses were highest, and four detailed surveys: *Thyroid Ultrasound Examination (TUE)*, *Comprehensive Health Check(CHC)*, *Mental Health and Lifestyle Survey (KOKOKARA CHOUSA)*, and *Pregnancy and Birth Survey(PBS)*.

2. Outline

This year, our sixth symposium will be held for the first time with the main venue in Tokyo, a satellite venue in Fukushima, and online, so that people all over the world can understand the impact of the Great East Japan Earthquake and subsequent accident at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant, and the current state of revitalization through the results of the the **FHMS** and other information.

10 experts from Japan and overseas will give presentations. The first half of the program will introduce the latest scientific findings obtained through 12 years of the FHMS. In the second half, we will present and discuss our current research and activities from the viewpoint of how to utilize the findings in the future, with an eye toward future prospects, to help preparing for possible emergency situations that may occur elsewhere.

In the **Introduction**, Dr. YASUMURA Seiji, Executive Director of the Center, will open the symposium with his "**Overview of the Fukushima Health Management Survey**," covering the Basic Survey and 4 detailed surveys of the FHMS.

In **Session 1, "Insights – what we have learned from the people of Fukushima,"** FMU faculty members will share what we've accomplished through the Survey after the Disaster, and present the latest findings in detail.

In **Session 2, "Bridges – to the future, for the people,"** Dr. UCHIYAMA Tokio (Vice President, Fukushima College) will introduce efforts to clarify how catastrophic disaster effects children's mental health, including issues related to infant development. Mr. KATAHIRA Yoshinori (Director and Secretary General, Fukushima Collaborative Revitalization Center) will introduce efforts and activities to support wide area evacuees with their changing needs over time, followed by FMU's Dr. TAMAKI Tomoaki introducing post disaster risk communication and the support activities for nuclear accident-affected municipalities.

In her **Keynote Lecture**, Dr. May ABDEL-WAHAB (Director, Division of Human Health, Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications, International Atomic Energy Agency) will address current knowledge about radiation and human health .

This symposium has nominal support from Fukushima Prefecture, the Ministry of the Environment, and other related ministries, organizations, and research institutes in and outside the prefecture.

3. Organizer

Radiation Medical Science Center for the Fukushima Health Management Survey,
Fukushima Medical University

4. Date and Venues

Saturday, March 2, 2024 10:00-17:10 JST

(Tokyo Main Venue)

JA Kyosai Building Conference Hall
2-7-9 Hirakawa, Chiyoda City, Tokyo

(Fukushima Satellite Venue)

Fukushima Medical University, Ekimae Campus
10-6 Sakae-machi, Fukushima City, Fukushima
*Online live streaming will be available via Zoom

5. Intended audience

The symposium is open to everyone. For example, residents of Fukushima Prefecture and evacuees from disaster affected area, health care workers, students, and administrative officers of areas where nuclear power plants are located.

6. Event Format

On-site* and Online (Zoom) participation

Languages

Japanese and English, with simultaneous interpretation: Tokyo Main and Online

Japanese Only: Fukushima Satellite

A video recording of the symposium will be available later via a streaming service.

7. Capacity

Onsite Participation (seating capacity: 70 at each venue)

Tokyo main JA Kyosai Building, Chiyoda City, Tokyo

Fukushima satellite FMU Ekimae Campus, Multipurpose Hall, Fukushima City

Registration will remain open until the venues fill.

Details for online viewing (via Zoom) will be provided once seating capacity is reached.

8. Registration for Participation

Pre-registration is required for both onsite and online participation.

No registration or participation fee is required.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Please click here for details ↓

【Symposium special website: URL】

<https://fhms.jp/en/symposium/2024/>

Registrations can also be sent by fax. Please fill out all the required items on the back of the symposium flyer, and send it to +81-24-581-5457.

9. Program

Opening Session

General MC: Kenneth E. NOLLET (FMU)

Opening remarks from the organizer: TAKENOSHITA Seiichi (President, FMU)

Congratulatory remarks: Fukushima Prefecture

Chair: OHTO Hitoshi (FMU)

Presenter: YASUMURA Seiji (FMU)

Session 1 Insights – what we have learned from the people of Fukushima

Chairs: SHIMURA Hiroki (FMU), OHIRA Tetsuya (FMU)

Presenter : ISHIKAWA Tetsuo (FMU) – Basic Survey

Presenter : FURUYA Fumihiko (FMU) – Thyroid Ultrasound Examination

Presenter : SHIMABUKURO Michio (FMU) – Comprehensive Health Check

Presenter : HORIKOSHI Naoko (FMU) – Mental Health and Lifestyle Survey

Presenter : FUJIMORI Keiya (FMU) – Pregnancy and Birth Survey

Discussion

Keynote Lecture

Chair: TAMAKI Tomoaki (FMU)

Keynote lecturer: May ABDEL-WAHAB (IAEA)

Discussion

Session 2 Bridges – to the future, for the people

Chairs: TSUBOKURA Masaharu (FMU), MIZUKI Rie (FMU)

Presenter : UCHIYAMA Tokio (Fukushima College)

Presenter : KATAHIRA Yoshinori (Fukushima Collaborative Revitalization Center)

Presenter : TAMAKI Tomoaki (FMU)

Discussion

Closing Session

Closing remarks: HAZAMA Akihiro (Vice President, FMU)

10. Application for media coverage

We encourage and appreciate coverage of this symposium.

The application deadline is **Wednesday, February 21, 2024.**

For applications, please check the Symposium website (use QR code or link below)

URL

2024 Symposium website (QR)



<Inquiry>

HASHIMOTO (Mr.), GOTO (Ms.), KOKUBUN (Ms.)

Office of Public Communications and International Cooperation

Radiation Medical Science Center for the Fukushima Health Management Survey

Fukushima Medical University

TEL:+81-24-581-5454 / FAX:+81-24-581-5457