4. Media Coverage

Association of People from Seattle Visit Fukushima Prefecture
For an Informal Talk with the Governor

Members of a coalition from Seattle (the United States) visited Fukushima Prefecture on the 9th in and had an informal talk with governor Masao Uchibori at the prefectural office.

As a part of the “Hometown Tour” around 10 people visited. In addition, there were also 8 American high school students who had come to Japan through the TOMODACHI program, an exchange program executed by the Japan-America Society of the State of Washington.
Governor Uchibori called on those present by saying that “Fukushima prefecture is restoring everyday life in order for people to understand from seeing. When you return to your home country I hope that you will convey that Fukushima is doing it’s best.”

The Vice-President of the coalition, Patsy Yamada (Fukushima City Yukari), stated “I visited two years ago as well, but I am happy to know that the reconstruction is progressing.” Both other members as well as high school students said “I can feel the strength of Fukushima” and “I want to visit again someday in the future and see the shape of the reconstruction.”

Chairman Otani (seventh person from the left) delivering the petition to Deputy Minister Takagi

(Chairman Tomotaka Otani and the village parliament members visited METI and presented the petition to Deputy Minister Yosuke Takagi.)

The Iitate Village Parliament Presents Petition for Livelihood Support to METI and the Reconstruction Agency

Due to the TEPCO Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant accident the entire village (Iitate) faced evacuation. As such, on the 9th, the Iitate Village Parliament demanded that METI and the Reconstruction Agency create a mechanism of life support that does not cause anxiety to the villagers’ lives when an evacuation order is released.

They are seeking for restoration of the income from agriculture, forestry, fisheries, industries, and commerce to be restored to the level it was at the time of the evacuation order release and for compensation for the difference from the level before the accident. They also incorporated things such as the early implementation of thorough decontamination.

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福島大学国際交流センターイベント

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＜実施内容＞
ワシントン州立日米協会（JASSW）グラスルーツ交換プログラムTOMODACHIに参加するワシントン州の高校生8名が、本学を訪れました。学長に表敬訪問のち、ロボットコンテストで優秀な成績を収めた高橋研究室を見学し、ロボット研究について説明を受けました。その後、レストランにてホームステイを受け入れる本学の学生とその保護者との交流会に参加し、日本語で自己紹介するなど、楽しいひと時を過ごしました。

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