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Report of FGC's Activities



Support Activities the Great East Japan Earthquake In Fukushima Prefecture

The Great East Japan Earthquake occurred on March 11, 2011. Immediately after that, i.e. on March 17, the Foundation for Global Children (FGC) started various support activities including transportation of daily commodities for saving lives in the affected areas based on the Sendai District Core Center and Koriyama District Core Center of SEISA Kokusai High School/SEISA Group.

On April 12, FGC expanded its activities to Soma City/Fukushima Prefecture having suffered from the accident of the Fukushima No. 1 Nuclear Power Plant, followed by damages caused by rumors. On May 1, FGC set up a base in Soma City, and has continued doing various supports to recover education and medical care there.

FGC's "Educational Environment Support Team" set up "Soma Follower Team" consisting of clinical psychologists, school counselors, nurses and so on, in cooperation with Soma City, and has provided children with mental health care.

FGC has also "Medical Support Team", the core part of which is the research group of Dr. Masahiko KAMI/Specially appointed Professor of the Institute of Medical Sciences of the University of Tokyo. It has arranged seminars about radioactivity and also medical check-ups, while analyzing the issues related to refuge facilities and medical institutes of the affected areas in cooperation with local medical specialists.

Medical Support Team

The medical support team conducted medical check-ups of residents in Iitate Village where the evacuation of the whole village had been ordered. Then the same was done in Tamano area/Soma City and Kawauchi Village, too. In July 2013 they conducted the 3rd-year medical check-up in Soma City.

They held seminars about radioactivity, too, and also continuously examined internal radiation exposure by using the whole body counter at the South Municipal Hospital of Soma City.

Radioactivity seminars and medical check-ups conducted

from May 2011 through March 2015

| Radioactivity Seminars | Citizens | Teachers | Junior-high Students | Medical Staff | Total | Medical Check-ups (incl. people living in temporary houses) |
|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------|---|
| Soma City | 2,494 | 240 | ca.200 | | 2,934 | 2,934 |
| Minamisoma City | 186 | 113 | | 60 | 359 | |
| Kawauchi Village | 78 | | | | 78 | 135 |
| Koriyama City | 25 | | | | 25 | |
| litate Village | | | | | | 424 |
| Total | 2,783 | 353 | ca.200 | 60 | 3,396 | 3,527 |



Medical check-up in Soma City, July 2013

Educational Environment Support Team

The educational environment support team delegated, 1-2 times per week, school counselors to elementary schools, junior high schools and high schools of the Soso area (covering Soma City, Minamisoma City and Shinchi Town) of Fukushima Prefecture, providing various counseling as well as learning supports.

At the same time, they offered trainings to improve special skills/expertise of school nurses as well as to promote cooperation and view/opinion exchanges among them. And individual approaches and seminars including case studies were covered within this frame. In the summer of 2013, a training was also conducted on how to cope with children with developmental disorder. Through these activities, a closer network among school nurses has been established. Now they can work, in a closer way, for sound development of children of that area.



Seminar for school nurses

Activities from May 2011 till March 2015

J-h S: Junior high School, E S; Elementary School, H S; High School

| Soma City | Counseling | | | Consultati on | Behavior Research | Info Exchange | Class Support |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Students | Teachers | Parents | | | | |
| Nakamura 2 nd J-h S | 55 | 94 | 24 | 21 | 22 | 44 | |
| Isobe J-h S | 300 | 111 | 24 | 149 | 215 | 132 | |
| Isobe E S | 297 | 105 | 1 | 32 | 91 | 4 | 31 |
| Hitachigi E S | 89 | 37 | 8 | 55 | 150 | 116 | 16 |
| Tamano E S | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Yamakami E S | 3 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 53 | 47 | |
| Shinchi H S | 5 | 2 | 1 | 4 | | 4 | |
| Haramachi 1 rd J-h S | 215 | 15 | 33 | 160 | 59 | 18 | 4 |
| Haramachi 2 rd J-h S | 20 | 12 | 2 | 11 | 12 | 19 | |
| Haramachi 3 rd J-h S | 213 | 8 | 26 | 42 | 82 | 111 | 1 |
| Ishigami J-h S | 27 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 889 | 40 | 1 |
| Kashima J-h S | 140 | 3 | 1 | | 50 | 30 | 2 |
| Odaka J-h S | 268 | 14 | 27 | 77 | 209 | 159 | 2 |
| Odaka E S | 130 | 39 | 26 | 66 | 240 | 155 | |
| Haramachi 1 st E S | 19 | 16 | 3 | 9 | 20 | 15 | 1 |
| Shinno, Hatohara, Kanafusa, Fukuura E S | 112 | 59 | 9 | 109 | 304 | 174 | |
| TOTAL | 1894 | 529 | 190 | 750 | 2396 | 1068 | 58 |

Results of the activities (summarized from questionnaires to schools)

- I could obtain professional skills and advice regarding psychological development and human relations of children, which were useful for actual class activities.
- I, as teacher, can feel myself comfortable because I now have a reliable advisor(s) with whom I can consult whenever required. In addition, I can share the information gained from counseling, which will help us analyze children from various aspects and also approach, in a more positive way, children with problems like learning difficulties, problematic behaviors, school refusal, developmental disorder and so on.
- I am now in a position to make a good use of professional advice obtained as regards how to interpret the results of psychological examinations and how to inform the parents about them.

Support Activities conducted so far

- **Medical check-ups and Consultations: Support to doctors**

Medical consultations were conducted in the temporary house area of Soma City and also in its Yawata/Yamakami/Tamano areas. Especially in the Tamano area where a high level of radioactivity was measured, all the residents were invited. This was done by the doctor team organized by Dr. Masahiro KAMI/Specially appointed Professor of the Institute of Medical Sciences of the University of Tokyo, in cooperation with doctors working locally.

These activities to be continued next years, too

- **Seminars on radioactivity: Support to lecturers**

During FY2011 (April 2011 – March 2012), 16 seminars were held by doctors (incl. Dr. Shoji TSUBOKURA) of the Institute of Medical Sciences of the University of Tokyo in several places of Soma City; a total of 2,412 people attended. The seminar held in the Hitachigi area on June 6 was attended by about 250 residents (including 8 members of Kitahama Association of Aural Handicapped).

- **Learning support: Support to teachers**

Directly after the disaster, learning supports started for Soma High School, initiated by Mr. Kenji FUJII of Yoyogi Seminar (prep-school), Prof. Akihiko MATSUI of the Faculty of Economics of the University of Tokyo and his seminar students. Then Mr. Katsumi ANDO (Yoyogi Seminar) and Mr. Mitsuhiro TORI/Mr. Soshi OTSUKA (Surugadai Prep-School) joined, too.

These activities to be continued next years, too

- **Mental care of children: Support to counselors**

Mental and counseling supports were provided to elementary and junior high schools of the Odaka area (designated as “dangerous area”) of Minamisoma City attacked by Tsunami.

These activities to be continued next years, too

- **Okudera Soccer School: Support to the staff organizing the school**

Soccer schools and instructor trainings were conducted in Oiso (SEISA’s HQ) and Soma City by Mr. Yasuhiko OKUDERA, Principal of Okudera Sports Academy (OSA)/SEISA Group. Elementary school students and junior-high school students were invited to Kanagawa Prefecture for soccer games.

These activities to be continued next years, too



Friendship games at Oiso

- **Supporters coming to earthquake-attacked areas: Supports to professionals and volunteers**

Accommodations were provided to professionals and volunteers coming to the areas attacked by earthquake/tsunami.

These activities to be continued next years, too

- **Space Weather Association: Supports to staff installing radioactivity measuring devices**

Nine radioactivity measuring devices were installed in cooperation with Namie Town, Futaba-gun, Fukushima Prefecture; locations were designated by Namie Town. Radioactivity is measured in actual living areas, and the data measured are uploaded into the web. Citizens living away from the home country can also refer to the actual situation and can also use them for considering their future life plans.

These activities to be continued next years, too



- **Visit of Bhutanese students to affected areas: Supports for international understanding**

Students of Bhutan's Royal Thimphu College (RTC) visited Soma City in February 2012 and received explanations about the disaster and recovery situation from Mr. Tachiya, Mayor. Making good use of long-lasting relationship between RTC and SEISA University/SEISA Kokusai High School, SEISA Group invited RTC students to there in order to contribute to better international understanding in this disaster.



RTC students visiting Soma City

- **Piano Support Recital: Support for Pianist**

Piano Recital was held by Panos Karan two times, in March and October 2013, to support the recovery from the disaster. FGC supported these events.

- **Healthcare massage at temporary houses: Support to massagers**

In cooperation with FGC, the International Wellness Academy located in Isehara City/Kanagawa Prefecture delegated 13 students and 1 lecturer to the affected area. They offered massage to a total of 342 residents of the temporary houses for two weeks. The residents thanked their support very much, saying "I can now walk with less difficulties", "I have been able to sleep better", "I can lift up hands", etc.

- **Set-up of real-time radioactivity measuring device: Support to project team**

Dr. Ryugo HAYANO/Professor of the University of Tokyo, member of Healthcare Professional Committee of Soma City, developed the real-time radioactivity measuring device. FGC provided support to the task force team established to install its units in the field.

- **Cram School activities: Supports to teaching volunteers**

As part of learning supports by student volunteers of the University of Tokyo, cram school activities started for elementary students and junior-high school students living in temporary houses as of June 2012. They took place about two times per month, on Saturday and Sunday, in the meeting rooms of 5 different temporary house areas (each place attended by 2 volunteer lecturers).

These activities to be continued next years, too

- **Seminar on radioactivity for junior-high school students: Support to lecturers**

A seminar was held by Dr. Masaharu TSUBOKURA (Institute of Medical Sciences of the University of Tokyo) at a junior-high school in Soma City; it aimed at providing understanding and knowledge about radioactivity and its effects and how to protect from it. It covered the knowledge of radioactivity available in the nature, the difference between internal and external exposure, food-related remarks, and so on.

- **Invitation to Hokkaido and also to Odawara Firework Festival:**

 - Support for program planning**

Program “Stay in Hokkaido” was organized in summer and winter. Under the summer program, 29 children were invited to the head office of SEISA Kokusai High School/Ashibetsu, accompanied by 2 teachers. Their reactions were: “I enjoyed cherry picking very much”, “Candle art was exciting”, and so on. SEISA’s Obihiro Campus also welcomed 34 children, offering them hot-air balloon tours and visit to Sledge Horse Racing. In August, a total of 8 persons, 3 families, were invited to Odawara Firework Festival. “Stay in Hokkaido – Winter” took place also in Ashibetsu City and Obihiro City, attended by 40 children.

“Stay in Hokkaido” to be continued next years, too

Indirect supports at SEISA Dormitory (Soma City, Sakura Building)

SEISA Group rented a building in Soma City, and offered it to volunteers doing support activities as a kind of dormitory free of charge. It has been used especially for the people working to support the residents and children of Soso area (heavily damaged areas) in medical and educational fields. They can not only stay there free but also exchange information, which leads to further improvement of their activities.



*SEISA Dormitory – Whole 3rd Floor
(Sakura Building/Soma City, Fukushima)*

The table below shows the number of people/organizations who used SEISA Dormitory (Soma City) for the period from April 2011 through 2013.

SEISA Dormitory’s activities was introduced in Asahi Shimbun’s morning issues dated March 21 and 22, 2013, article “Trap of Prometheus”.

The table below shows how effectively the SEISA Dormitory has been used:

| | FGC | Tokyo Univ. | Volunteers | TOTAL |
|-------|-------|-------------|------------|-------|
| 2011 | 566 | 223 | 190 | 979 |
| 2012 | 480 | 260 | 314 | 1,054 |
| 2013 | 518 | 200 | 325 | 1,043 |
| 2014 | 480 | 134 | 256 | 870 |
| TOTAL | 2,044 | 817 | 1,085 | 3,946 |