



The 15th Fukushima Learning Community and the 3rd Fukushima Rebirth Community School

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It will soon be 14 years since the Great East Japan Earthquake in March 2011 and the Fukushima nuclear power plant accident. In April 2023, the Fukushima International Research and Education Institute (F-REI) will open in Namie Town. The institute was conceived as a "knowledge base" for creative reconstruction, the basic principle of Fukushima's recovery. ALPS-treated water was discharged into the ocean. Also, in November 2024, fuel debris was removed from Unit 2 for the first time on a trial basis.

Waseda University established the **Waseda University Fukushima Hamadori Future Creation Research Center** in May 2017 based on a cooperation agreement with the town of Hirono in Fukushima Prefecture and has been conducting research and studies with the local community on the reconstruction and decommissioning of Fukushima from a long-term and broad perspective. In January 2019, we announced the **Fukushima Hamadori Social Innovation Initiative Concept (SI Initiative)** which aims to form a sustainable Hamadori region in Fukushima Prefecture by 2050 and has been working with the following groups: (1) **1F decommissioning Study Group**: research and study on the future vision of 1F decommissioning and the regional resources of 1F decommissioning process; (2) **creative reconstruction study group**: research and study on the new knowledge (2) **Creative Reconstruction Study Group**: Research and study on the formation of new knowledge creation and social innovation through the collaboration of science, politics, and society.

In parallel with these study group activities, we hold **Fukushima Gaku Kai (Learning Community)** as a "place for dialogue" to think together about the reconstruction and decommissioning of Fukushima, transcending generations, regions, and fields. In July 2022, we concluded a cooperation agreement with Fukushima Prefectural Futaba Mirai Gakuen Junior and Senior High Schools. We launched the **1F Community School** as a "place for dialogue" = "place for learning" regarding the 1F decommissioning policy. In April 2024, we concluded a cooperation agreement with the town of Tomioka in Fukushima Prefecture and Futaba Corporation to establish the **Fukushima Rebirth School**, where science, politics, and society collaborate to consider Fukushima reconstruction.

The 15th Fukushima Gaku (Raku) Kai and the 3rd Fukushima Rebuilding School will be held under the theme "The Past, Present, and Future of Fukushima Reconstruction: Where did we come from, who are we, and where are we going?" We would like to have a broad and deep dialogue about **the necessity and importance of establishing higher education institutions in the Hamadori region of Fukushima Prefecture**, especially in areas beyond generations, fields, and regions.

Date: Jan. 26th, 2025, 13:10-17:50

Venue: Fukushima Prefectural Futaba Mirai Gakuen Junior and High School, Community Collaboration Space (Hirono Town, Fukushima)

<https://futabamiraigakuen-h.fcs.ed.jp>

Registration: Please visit the following website to register for the event.

<https://forms.gle/QhbpCZd3Gz8Px6x97>

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Waseda Resilience Research Institute (WRI)

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General Moderator: Masahiro Koiso (Vice President, 1F Community School; Teacher, Fukushima Prefectural Futaba Mirai Gakuen High School)

Opening of the 15th Fukushima Gaku Kai (Learning Community) and the 3rd Fukushima Rebirth Community School
Shunji Matsuoka (President, Fukushima Rebirth Community School; Director, Waseda University Fukushima Hamadori Future Creation Research Center)

Opening remarks: 13:10-13:40

Satoru Endo (Mayor, Hirono Town, Fukushima Prefecture)
Ikuo Yamamoto (Mayor, Tomioka Town, Fukushima Prefecture)
Shiro Izawa (Mayor, Futaba Town, Fukushima Prefecture) (TBD)
Takashi Shinpo (Deputy Mayor, Okuma Town, Fukushima Prefecture)
Kan Gunji (Principal, Fukushima Prefectural Futaba Mirai Gakuen Junior & Senior High School)
Atsushi Kato (Dean, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University, Waseda, Japan)
Hiroshi Onoda (Dean, Graduate School of Environment and Energy, Waseda University, Waseda University)

Report and Panel Discussion: 13:40 –15:20

The Past, Present, and Future of Fukushima Reconstruction: Where Did We Come From, Who Are We, and Where Are We Going?

Reports (10 minutes each): 13:40–14:10

Shinya Takehara (Fukushima Rebirth Community School, Steering Committee Member, Deputy Mayor of Tomioka Town, Fukushima Prefecture)

"Considering the Fukushima Nuclear Disaster and the Creation of Institutions of Higher Education that Build Sustainable Relationships between Science and Technology and Society."

Seiji Hayashi (Vice President, Fukushima Rebirth Community School, Tsushima WG Chair, Director of Research Group, National Institute for Environmental Studies, Fukushima)

"Considering the regeneration of satoyama in Hamadori, Fukushima, based on the participatory environmental assessment of the Tsushima area (Namie Town)".

Yuko Sakita (1F Community School, Vice President, Fund WG Leader, Environmental Journalist)

"Considering the Establishment of a Fukushima Revitalization Fund to Support the Formation of a Sustainable Hamadori Community in 2050."

Panel Discussion: 14:10–15:20

Panel moderator: Yuichi Moriguchi (Vice-chairman, 1F Decommissioning Study Group; Director, National Institute for Environmental Studies)

Panelist: Kaori Suganami (Attorney at Law, Executive Director, Council for the Future)

Ryoko Ando (Fukushima Dialogue, Chairman of the Board)

Wako SARUTA (Chief, Lifelong Learning Division, Gojome Town Board of Education, Akita Prefecture)

Shogo Kudo (Associate Professor, College of International Liberal Studies, Akita International University)

Kotone Saito (Fukushima Prefectural Futaba Mirai Gakuen High School, 2nd year)

Yasuhito Shimomura (Fukushima Prefectural Futaba Mirai Gakuen High School, 2nd year)

Zoe Decarpentrie, Master's student at the Free University of Brussels (ULB), 2nd year exchange student at Waseda University

Kyoka Sasaki (4th year, School of Education, Waseda University)

Shuzo Honda (3rd year, School of Creative Science and Engineering, Waseda University)

(15:20-15:30: break)

Dialogue: 15:30–16:40 "Dialogue" in small groups (for on-site participants only)

(16:40-16:50: break)

Plenary Session: 16:50–17:40:

Moderator: Tadashi Inoue (Vice President, 1F Community School, Central Research Institute of Electric Power Industry, Honorary Research Advisor)

Closing remarks: 17:40-17:50

Shunji Matsuoka (President, Fukushima Rebirth Community School, President, 1F Community School, Professor, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University)

