

# 南相馬世界会議

MINAMISOMA  
WORLD  
CONFERENCE

記憶と記録  
Recollections and Archives

Record 2011.3.11 ~ 2012.2.11

To all media organizations it may concern,

December 2011

Minamisoma World Conference 2012 Executive Committee

## **As a start of a recollection and recording of the next 30 years, discussions on occurrences in FUKUSHIMA will be held at Minamisoma City, Fukushima Prefecture.**

The earthquake and tsunami of "3.11" and the incident at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant had a catastrophic impact on land, livelihoods and cultural activities of the area surrounding the Power Plant.

We will be discussing the realities of the aftermath, 11 months after the nuclear accident. Possible recovery of the next 30 years will be recorded as an initiative to help reconstruction of Minamisoma and for mankind to learn from the experience. Periods leading to the half-life of cesium, the final disposal of radioactive material and the decommissioning of nuclear reactor will be recorded and continuously transmitted globally to be shared with all of humanity.

We will stand up with pride of our culture, to regain the land that we have been deprived of. We shall proceed to amass wisdom and technology both domestic and international, so children could live with smile on their face, and the "Soma Nomaio Festival" can be held as it once did.

## **"Minamisoma World Conference Recollections and Archives:Record 2011.3.11 to 2012.2.11" Saturday, 11th February 2012**

"The Minamisoma World Conference 2012 Executive Committee" will hold a conference where citizens, local research groups and researchers from both in and outside of Japan can have a face-to-face discussion.

This year being the first year after the earthquake and the nuclear disaster, citizen research group on radioactive decontamination and leading researchers will make an interim report and have a panel discussion with the local citizens.

This conference will be about the facts from the past 11 months; The effort for decontamination, measurement, cleansing, and blockage of radioactive substances.

We will also try to articulate on a creation of new place economy in this region and continuation of the "Nomaio" culture, the distinctive tradition of this area.

The contents will be streamed simultaneously on Ustream.

Should you wish to attend the conference, please contact the liaison office below.

Time and Date	Saturday, 11th February 2012
Place	Minamisoma Shimin Bunka Kaikan "Yumehat"
Address	28-1 Honmachi, Haramachi-ku, Minamisoma City, Fukushima Prefecture 975-0008
Theme	Reportage of what 3.11 has caused: dialogue with the citizens, summary, and declaration for the future.
Streaming	On Ustream in 2 to 4 languages (Japanese, English, French, German planned)
Attendance	Free of charge (Total capacity of 1000, with limited seats offering to nonlocal)
Promoter	Minamisoma World Conference Executive Committee
Patronage	All those supporting recovery of Minamisoma City (We are further inviting corporate, group, and individual sponsors)
Cooperation	Minamisoma City

Official Website (opening late December 2011)

[www.minamisoma-fukushima.jp](http://www.minamisoma-fukushima.jp)

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1-6 Futami-cho, Haramachi-ku, Minamisoma, Fukushima 975-0005, Japan.

## Exhibition : Outside the hall (planning)

1. Information in Timeline From 11th March 2011 - reality and data of Minamisoma
2. Exhibition by the locals "What we have seen, felt, and thought" (photos and writings)

## Agenda (planning)

9:00	Hall open
9:30 ~ 9:45	Opening speech and introduction of participants
9:45 ~ 12:00	<b>Part 1 [Archive of the effects of the Nuclear Accident]</b> "Influence from Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant Changes in Population and the Economy" Delegates of Minamisoma Citizen "Report from Supporting Pre-Schools in Minamisoma" Tatsuhiko Kodama (Head of Radioisotope Center, The University of Tokyo) "Report of Place and Cultural Base of Minamisoma" Satoshi Okamoto (Okamoto Satoshi Architecture and Urban Laboratory /Resercher, Hosei University)
12:00 ~ 13:00	Intermission
13:00 ~ 16:30	<b>Part 2 [Archive of dialogue: What locals want to hear, What experts wish to convey]</b> Delegates of local citizens come up on stage to talk with the experts. We will discuss questions and answers, and also the matters which should be conveyed, in order to find constructive issues for the future. 1. Mothers 2. Children 3. Grand Mothers and Grand Fathers 4. Fathers  Katsunobu Sakurai (Mayor of Minamisoma City), Tatsuhiko Kodama (Head of Radioisotope Center, The University of Tokyo), Kengo Sakaguchi (Professor, Tokyo University of Science), Masafumi Yano (Honorary Professor, Tohoku University / Research Institute of Electrical Communication, Tohoku University), Satoshi Okamoto (Okamoto Satoshi Architecture and Urban Laboratory / Researcher, Hosei University), Yoshiharu Tsukamoto (Associate Professor, Tokyo Institute of Technology / Architect), Tetsuji Yamamoto (General Director, Fondation de l'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Culturelles) and others
16:30 ~ 16:45	Intermission
16:45 ~ 18:30	<b>Part 3 [After 10 years, 20 years, and 30 years: Changes to Possibilities]</b> <b>Proposal from the Experts</b> <b>"Possibilities of the Future which turns Negative into Positive"</b> Possibilities and vision of the future as opposed to the realities of today, will be presented. It will incorporate the future for the children, economy, and culture.  <b>Proposal from the Citizens</b> <b>Decontamination of Minamisoma: Safety Technology by the People for the People, to realize safe and secure environment"</b> Minamisoma Decontamination Research Association and others <b>Closing speech "FUKUSHIMA Minamisoma Declaration"</b>
18:30	End

Attendance application will be accepted from 11th January 2012

Details of the conference will be announced on the web site below.

As this conference is primarily for Minamisoma Citizens, there may be limitation for attendance and provision for an access to the venue for those from outside Minamisoma City and Fukushima Prefecture.

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