

Chapter Report Japan, 2010-2011

1. A great earthquake attacked east Japan on March 11, 2011. This caused huge Tsunami along the Pacific Ocean side of east Japan and the serious trouble in Nuclear Power Plant in Fukushima prefecture.

Huge Tsunami deprived nearly 20 thousand lives and destroyed about 100 km² of urban areas, and also about 350 km² of plain fields were flushed away. Over 200 thousand of refugees have been dispersed almost all over the country, visiting relatives, staying at the hotels, temporary houses or public facilities such as gymnasiums. Probably around 50 or 100 thousand people would be still waiting the reconstruction of urban areas.

As for the Nuclear Power Plant, all of those plants have been stabilized already but still the area of 20 km radius is forbidden to enter. Nobody knows when it will be absolved.

The research and discussions of urban reconstruction plans of disaster areas are now undergoing. There are so many problems such as subsidence of ground, radioactive pollution, shortage of electricity supply, broken infra-structures and missing experts by Tsunami.

Anyway, reconstruction works will vigorously start by the end of this year or early next year based on the budget of about 16,000 billion yen, 210 billion US dollars, prepared by the 2nd and 3rd supplementary national budget.

2. JASOPH President Mr. Takayuki Hara was resigned in February 2011 because of his health problem and Dr. Takashi Yajima succeeded him.
3. Japan thanks to all countries and regions that extended their warm aid and support.

As though it may take nearly or over 10 years, Japan is advancing to create the better and safer cities and regions.