

## **Regarding decisions of the timing to start academic research on the Pacific coast of Northeast Japan (Fukushima, Miyagi, and Iwate prefectures)**

We in Japan have discussed the timing to start academic research on the Pacific Ocean coast of Northeast Japan, particularly Fukushima, Miyagi, and Iwate Prefectures.

First, research groups organized only of domestic participants will start their field investigation **AFTER** the following conditions are clarified.

- 1) only after the scale down of activities for emergency rescue and search for missing peoples, and then the move to recovery phase.
- 2) after confirmation of security (especially the issue of nuclear power plants).
- 3) after sufficient supply of certain goods and fuel have been provided to the victims, and after the restriction of traffic is mitigated (now most roads are used only for emergency vehicles).
- 4) After surveyors can arrange accommodation and rent-a-car by themselves.

### **SURVEYS BY INTERNATIONAL TEAMS**

We request that international researchers conduct field surveys only **AFTER** 1) to 4) conditions are clarified through preliminary surveys by Japanese researchers.

When you organize a team, one or more Japanese researcher(s) should accompany international research teams, with responsibility for driving, rent a car, and hotel reservations as well as reporting their results to Japanese communities. The Japanese researcher(s) who accompany the international team(s) should first have checked the safety of all of their students before participating in surveys.

**Please DO NOT directly contact to the researchers in Tohoku and Iwate universities at this moment. They are extremely busy now and replies are difficult.**

We will send advance teams as soon as conditions allow. We will then let you know whether the survey at the Pacific coast of Northeast Japan is possible or not.

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