

Activities of IAEA Experts

1. Radiation Monitoring

(1) Teams of experts for radiation monitoring on land

A total of four Teams from the IAEA visited Japan from March 18 to April 20 to conduct radiation measurements. The schedule of their visit to Japan is as follows:

a. First Team

March 18-31 (Tokyo, Kanagawa, Chiba, Saitama, Gunma, Tochigi, Ibaraki, and Fukushima)

b. Second Team

March 24 - April 1 (Fukushima)

c. Third Team

April 1-11 (Fukushima)

d. Fourth Team

April 11-18 (Fukushima)

(2) Marine expert

A marine expert from the IAEA Environment Laboratories Monaco visited Japan from April 1 to 6. From April 2 to 4, the expert boarded the Research Vessel MIRAI of the Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC) to observe ocean monitoring activities and to provide technical advice.

2. Food Monitoring

A joint food safety assessment team comprised of three experts from the IAEA and the FAO visited Japan from March 26 to April 1. For a period of four days, they visited four prefectures: Fukushima on March 27, Ibaraki on March 28, Tochigi on March 29, and Gunma on March 30. The team exchanged views with the local governments concerned and provided technical advice on food monitoring.

3. Boiling-Water Reactor (BWR)

A total of three IAEA experts in BWR technology visited Japan from April 3 to 12 (of which two arrived in Japan on April 3, with one joining the two on April 7). The experts visited the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Power Plant on April 6 and the Fukushima Dai-ni Nuclear Power Plant on April 7. They also exchanged views with officials of the Government of Japan – including the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency (NISA), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), and the Cabinet Office (CAO) – as well as the Tokyo Electric Power Co., Inc. (TEPCO).

4. Others

From March 24 to April 12, an IAEA international assistance coordinator visited Japan and took charge of the overall coordination of the activities by the experts described in sections 1-3 above.