

Vision for Revitalization in Fukushima Prefecture: Outline

Vision for revitalization

- Determines basic concepts and major measures for revitalization
- Covers the whole prefecture
- Covers 10-year period

Plan for revitalization

- Sets out specific actions and major projects
- Covers the whole prefecture, with region-specific details
- 10-year planning period
- Additions/revisions as normality returns following nuclear accident

Basic Concepts

Building a safe, secure and sustainable society free from nuclear power

- Aim to build a society that does not rely on nuclear power. To this end, promote dramatic increase in use of renewable energy.
- Value human life above all and overcome nuclear disaster damage by creating a safe and secure environment for raising children and creating a prefecture where people have a long healthy lifespan

Revitalization that brings together everyone who loves and cares about Fukushima

- Citizens play the lead role in a revitalization based on rebuilding the foundations of everyday life for all those in the prefecture who suffered the effects of the disaster
- All stakeholders, including residents, companies, private groups, municipalities, and prefectural government, pool their strengths to promote revitalization

A homeland we can all be proud of once again

- Preserve the community bonds that continue to breathe life into our prefecture, nurture them, and communicate them to the world
- All citizens share the idea that the first step toward Fukushima's revitalization will be made the day when everyone can return to living cheerfully in their hometowns, including those who have had to evacuate

Major measures for revitalization

Emergency measures

Emergency restoration measures, support for the rebuilding of livelihoods and revitalization of municipalities

- Secure housing for people affected by the disaster and provide wide-ranging support for daily living and mental health care
- Swiftly rebuild public facilities, industrial infrastructure, embankments and seawalls, desalinate agricultural land
- Secure emergency employment for those affected by the disaster and offer support to those reopening businesses
- Support administrative functions and revitalization projects in affected municipalities and offer substitute services where necessary
- Reduce radiation levels in schools and other everyday spaces, decontaminate agricultural land, conduct thorough monitoring

Responses that look to the future of Fukushima

Raising and supporting our children and young people, who are our future

- Enhance medical services, create a secure environment for bearing and raising children
- Enhance the prefecture's higher education facilities
- Take wide-ranging measures to enhance science and mathematics education, train people to play active roles in a globalized world

Reviving and developing community bonds

- Support the activities of public groups and the formation of autonomous citizens' organizations
- Back urban development that supports older people, such as development of housing and service facilities for the elderly
- Pass down local traditions and culture and support artistic, cultural, and sporting activities

Creating leading industries for a new era

- Promote Fukushima as a "branded" tourist destination, attract various MICE events, revitalize agriculture through the introduction of new management and production systems
- Encourage medical industry clusters including radiology research, support drug development and create industries to meet the needs of an aging society
- Encourage renewable energy industry clusters to replace nuclear power generation and create employment

Building a forward-looking and disaster-resilient community

- Swiftly develop a network of six trunk roads including the Tohoku-Chuo Expressway, the Joban Expressway and national and prefectural roads to link the Hamadori (coastal) and Nakadori (central) regions, promptly restore the JR Joban line and Onahama and Soma ports
- Create a region resilient to earthquakes and tsunami, taking full account of local views
- Provide information and enhance evacuation guidance to those especially vulnerable in a disaster, ensure sufficient welfare and evacuation facilities, establish systems for accepting those in need of nursing care when disasters strike

Harnessing breakthroughs in renewable energy to build a new society

- Encourage the use of renewable energy in every household, company, and organization
- Promote efforts to reduce carbon emissions from fossil-fuel power generation
- Build sustainable regional models through the use of smart grids and local production/consumption of energy

Responses to the nuclear disaster

Overcoming the nuclear disaster

- Establish an international research facility to develop decontamination technologies and conduct trials
- Create a comprehensive program to maintain and enhance citizens' health through long-term health management surveys
- Enhance radiology research and treatment capabilities at Fukushima Medical University, create centers for early diagnosis and state-of-the-art treatment of radiation-related disorders
- Attract national and international nuclear power research and monitoring facilities
- Work with municipalities and other relevant organizations to ensure and facilitate payment of compensation to individuals and businesses affected by the nuclear accident

Realizing the Vision

The roles of national, prefectural and municipal governments

【National government】

- System of Special Zone for Reconstruction
- Enact a special law for regional revitalization
- Enact a special law for compensation for nuclear damage

【Prefectural and municipal government】

- Prefectural government will steadily implement reconstruction and revitalization measures based on a bold vision
- Municipal governments will take the lead in local recovery (devolution of authority, securing of funds, swift and appropriate personnel support)

Diverse liaison and cooperation

- Development bureaus will take the lead in setting up forums where citizens, organizations, companies, and municipalities can share information and pool knowledge with a view to revitalization
- Communicate information nationally and internationally

Measures for implementation of the vision

- Prioritize allocation of funds to reconstruction and revitalization projects
- Publish annual plans setting out specific initiatives and key projects relating to revitalization
- Flexibly add to revise revitalization plans based on progress of normalization following the nuclear accident