



## **Symposium for "Revitalisation of Fukushima after East-Japan Earthquake", Fukushima Exhibition and Reception with Mr Masao Uchibori, Governor of Fukushima Prefecture**

We are pleased to announce that we will host a half-day symposium for "Revitalisation of Fukushima after East-Japan Earthquake" on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015, at Gustave Tuck Lecture Theatre in UCL. This will include a speech by Mr Masao Uchibori, the governor of Fukushima prefecture, followed by several talks by high school pupils from Fukushima and from UCL Academy. During the entire afternoon, there will be an exhibition from Fukushima in South Cloisters including a variety of local products, sake as well as some refreshments provided. After the symposium, there will also be a reception in South Cloisters to encourage interactions with our Japanese guests.

The Great East Japan earthquake on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011 is the most powerful one ever recorded to have hit Japan. This also triggered a massive tsunami that wiped out many areas on the Pacific coast side of Japan. The Fukushima area has been severely damaged by the tsunami, and the Fukushima nuclear power plant complex had electric power shutdown that resulted in meltdowns. Hundreds of thousands of people were affected, and residents within a certain radius of the nuclear plant were evacuated.

After a chain of disasters, many countries including UK have brought significant aid and support to Japan. UCL, in particular, held several symposiums to help support academia in Japan, such as UK-Japan Symposium on Disasters, organized by Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction (IRDR) of UCL. At this coming event, Mr Masao Uchibori, Governor of Fukushima Prefecture, will have an official visit to UCL with many high school students of Fukushima. As part of it, he will give a speech in the symposium to share the current status of the Fukushima region as well as their ongoing recovery processes from the damages and also to express acknowledgement to the British community and UCL for their support. The high school students from Fukushima and UCL Academy will present their studies on the disaster and life of people who live there.

We hope to see many of you joining this symposium and learning what has happened and is happening in Fukushima. This event will be a great opportunity for the young generation of Fukushima who are thriving since the past incidents. All are warmly invited to any of the events.

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Symposium: 13:20-16:00

Fukushima Exhibition: 13:00-18:00

Fukushima Reception: 16:00-18:00

**Location:** UCL, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT  
Symposium: UCL Gustave Tuck Lecture Theatre  
Fukushima Exhibition: UCL South Cloisters  
Fukushima Reception: UCL South Cloisters

**Registration:** Symposium requires registration from the following site.  
<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/symposium-for-revitalisation-of-fukushima-after-east-japan-earthquake-tickets-17541366700?aff=es2>

Fukushima Exhibition and reception do not need registration.

### **Symposium Programme**

MC/Chair: Prof Shin-ichi Ohnuma (UCL)  
13:20-13:30 Seating  
13:30-13:40 Opening Remark  
Prof. Nick Tyler (Pro Provost, UCL) or Prof. Peter Sammonds (UCL)  
13:40-14:30 Special Speech  
Mr Masao Uchibori (Governor, Fukushima Prefecture)  
14:30-15:45 Student Presentations  
8 Presentations by High Schools from Fukushima  
2 Presentations by UCL Academy  
15:45-15:50 Closing Remark  
Prof. Peter Sammonds (UCL) or a representative of teachers  
15:50-16:00 Moving to South Cloister

### **Reception Programme**

MC: Ms Naomi Suzuki  
16:00-16:25 Speeches  
UCL representative (TBD)  
Mr Masao Uchibori (Governor, Fukushima Prefecture)  
Prof. Geraldine Davies (Principal, UCL Academy)(TBD)  
Representative of Fukushima High Schools (TBD)  
Dr Eric Albone (Director, Clifton Scientific Trust)(TBC)  
16:25-16:30 Kanpai – Mr Uchobori (TBD)  
16:30-16:40 Singing of Fukushima related songs  
16:40-18:00 Reception – Food and Drink

### **Fukushima Exhibition**

13:00-18:00

We will show many posters and videos about Fukushima. Also, we will provide food and drink from Fukushima.

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