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Our TUAT group of FOLENS program had field trip to visit Life and Agriculture of Fukushima prefecture after 1.5 year Tohoku Earthquake and Fukushima Nuclear Disaster in Japan. This field trip help me get more significant experiment and knowledge on nuclear energy, how Japanese people to solve and mitigate damage impact of environmental disasters through meeting and sharing with local people, scientists and Folens members. My knowledge through this trip can be described by answering specific questions as below,

Q1. What are the problems?

Although Tohoku Earthquake and Fukushima Nuclear Disaster in Japan occurred 1.5 year ago, Fukushima is still facing on any problems. Firstly, radiation concentration is high in regions, thus local people cannot return their home, any areas in which resident are not permitted to live, areas where residents will be face difficulties in returning for a long time. Second, a lot of farmers are still not compensated appropriately for damage of Fukushima Nuclear Disaster (ex., farmer of Minamisouma). Third, there are many difficulties for reforming areas where local people are permitted back to live when infrastructure such as school, hospital, market, etc., is still not recovered. Finally, trust of people on products of Fukushima was so low. This will cause many problems for production of Fukushima.

Q2. What are the hopes?

I saw the wonderful efforts of all people of Japan country for reforming Fukushima. I saw the participation of government; communities, scientists, companies, and local people in find problems, how to solve it. I saw wonderful peasant who have knowledge, experiment and trust to over this disaster.

Q3. What are the lessons for you?

Nuclear energy can be clean and cheap but not safety. Thus, choosing nuclear energy plant need to consider everything to protect people and environment safety for current and future generation. I deeply appreciated and admire Japan farmers who were and are facing and over many difficulties after this accident.

Q4. What can you (or do you want to) do?

Our home country has a plan to develop nuclear energy plant in near future. This disaster will be significant lesson and experiment for us and our country. I hope to bring this experiment and image of Fukushima to share my country where people cannot amaze what will happen when nuclear accident occurs.