Regarding the Individual Notification of the Results of Pediatric Thyroid Exposure Survey

July 28, 2011
Support Team for Residents Affected by the Nuclear Incident

1. Survey overview
   Taking into account the SPEEDI trial calculations on March 23, 2001, the Local Nuclear Emergency Response Headquarters conducted a survey between March 24 and March 30 on 1,149 children from areas that were assessed to have a high thyroid exposure dose (Iwaki City, Kawamata Town and Iitate Village), at the request of the Emergency Advisory Body of the Nuclear Safety Commission in order to get the residents to exactly understand the impact on pediatric health. The 1,149 children included 66 children whose exposure could not be properly measured due to excess background levels, and 3 of indeterminate age (N.B. 1,080 remaining).

2. Notification method
   An information session for the results will be held in Iwaki City, Kawamata Town and Iitate Village respectively, and individuals (guardians) will be handed the notice of results at the session. A notice of results will be mailed to those guardians who could not attend the information session.

3. Information session
   In the information session, careful explanations will be given for what a thyroid screening is, how to read the values, how radiation and thyroid disorders are related, and about thyroid exams (ultrasound) scheduled to be performed as a part of the Survey of Health Management of Prefectural Inhabitants.

4. Future schedule
   From July 28:
   - Fix a date (and alternates) for the information session for each municipality
   - Notification of the information session by mail
   From early August: Hold the information sessions