

University of Tokyo Study Shows Low Internal Cesium Exposure of Fukushima Residents

A research group from the University of Tokyo investigated about 30,000 residents in Fukushima Prefecture, and found that their intake of radioactive cesium through daily life in the prefecture has remained very low.

That shows that food safety inspections and screenings have been working effectively in the wake of the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (NPS) in March 2011.

The research group, headed by Ryugo Hayano, professor of science at the university, released a compilation of the study's results on April 10. Having measured cesium in the bodies of 30,000 residents from seven to 20 months after the accident, the group concluded that the internal exposure was "far lower" than had been estimated based on information obtained from the Chernobyl accident.

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