

# Red Cross Nuclear Disaster Resource Center

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For passing the memories and lessons down to the next generation.

# Background of establishing the Red Cross Nuclear Disaster Resource Center

The Japanese Red Cross Society (JRCS) conducted relief activities in the areas affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami soon after the onset of the disaster. However, after the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant accident (Fukushima Daiichi accident) occurred, the JRCS was temporarily unable to provide sufficient relief activities due to the lack of basic radiation knowledge, a code of conduct for JRCS relief team members, protective equipment against radiation and a manual, which was a hard experience for the JRCS.



At the General Assembly of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) held in 2011, a resolution on “Preparedness to Respond to the Humanitarian Consequences of Nuclear Accidents” was adopted aimed at enhancing preparedness for nuclear and radiological emergencies.

With this background, the JRCS established the Red Cross Nuclear Disaster Resource Center (NDRC) in October 2013. In order to prepare for nuclear disasters, the NDRC addresses the following three activities:

- I. Creation and dissemination of Nuclear Disaster Guidelines for Preparedness, Response and Recovery
- II. Gathering, compiling and sharing information about nuclear disasters through the NDRC Digital Archives
- III. Organizing/holding seminars and training sessions

2011.03: Deployment of JRCS relief teams soon after the Fukushima Daiichi accident

2011.11: Adoption of a resolution for enhancing preparedness for nuclear and radiological emergencies at the IFRC General Assembly

2013.05: JRCS Manual for Relief Activities under Nuclear Disasters

## **2013.10: Establishment of NDRC**

2014.10: Agreement between Fukushima Future Center for Regional Revitalization of Fukushima University and JRCS

2014.10: The Third Reference Group Meeting on Nuclear & Radiological Emergency Preparedness in Fukushima

2015.03: Joint Declaration on revitalization and disaster preparedness in Fukushima between Fukushima Prefecture and JRCS

2015.03: Nuclear Disaster Guidelines for Preparedness, Response and Recovery

# I. Nuclear Disaster Guidelines for Preparedness, Response and Recovery

For nuclear disaster preparedness, the JRCS created the Nuclear Disaster Guidelines for Preparedness, Response and Recovery (Guidelines) about its course of action and relief activities. The JRCS will make arrangements for training and relief activities according to the guidelines.



Photo: JRCS First Nuclear Disaster Response Basic Training Session  
Training was provided for JRCS relief team members to allow them to conduct appropriate relief activities in the event of a nuclear disaster.

## Main contents of the Guidelines:

- ◆ Characteristics of a nuclear disaster
- ◆ Considerations during activities
- ◆ Preparedness (e.g. arrangements; public awareness activities)
- ◆ Response (e.g. medical relief, psychosocial care)
- ◆ Recovery (e.g. assistance for health maintenance and livelihood)
- ◆ Ensuring of JRCS responders' safety
- ◆ Activities outside Japan

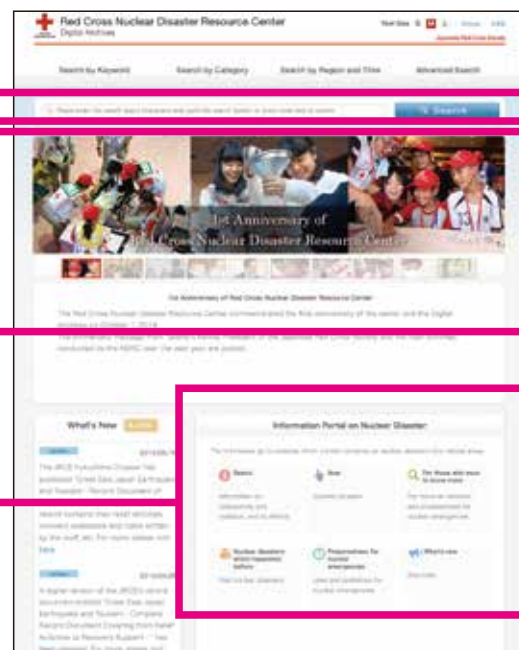
## II. NDRC Digital Archives <http://ndrc.jrc.or.jp/?lang=en>

Contents and data about nuclear disasters have been gathered, compiled and shared on the Internet.

◆ Content search

◆ Special contents/  
seminar reports

◆ Portal function





### III. Organizing/holding seminars and training sessions

The NDRC organizes/holds nuclear disaster seminars in collaboration with related organizations. The seminar reports are released through the Digital Archives.



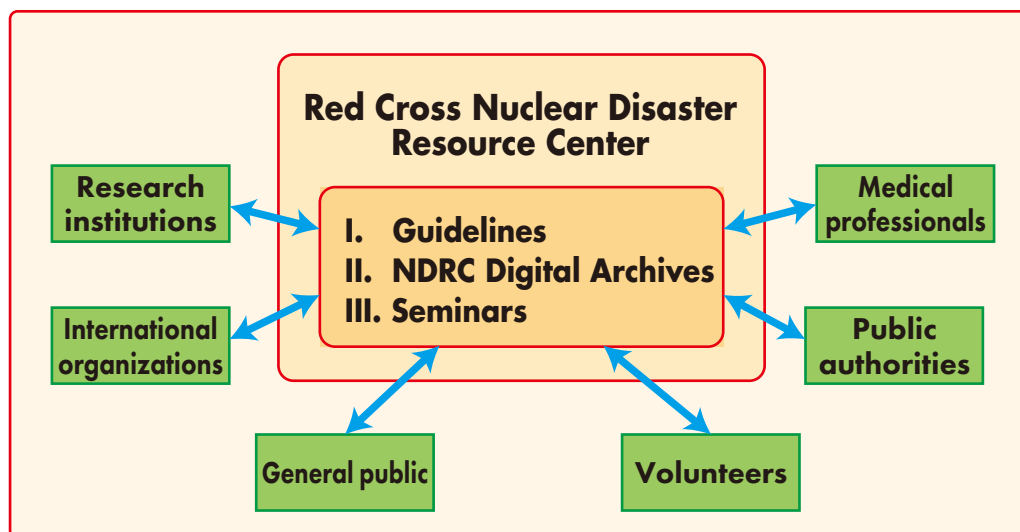
Red Cross Nuclear Disaster Seminar



NIRS Chromosome Training Session

### Knowledge convergence – Utilization and sharing of knowledge

The NDRC aims for openness. The NDRC will gather and compile findings and knowledge of experts and specialized organizations within and outside of Japan, and proactively share them with external parties by utilizing the Red Cross and Red Crescent network.



NDRC Digital Archives



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