Record Nr. UNINA9910254509503321 Mental Health and Social Issues Following a Nuclear Accident: The Case **Titolo** of Fukushima / / edited by Jun Shigemura, Rethy Kieth Chhem Pubbl/distr/stampa Tokyo:,: Springer Japan:,: Imprint: Springer,, 2016 **ISBN** 4-431-55699-0 Edizione [1st ed. 2016.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (146 p.) 610 Disciplina Soggetti **Psychiatry** Public health Radiology Clinical psychology Public Health Imaging / Radiology Clinical Psychology Japan Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Includes bibliographical references at the end of each chapters. Nota di bibliografia Nota di contenuto Foreword -- Preface -- 1. Godzilla mon amour: the Origins and Legacy of Nuclear Fear in Japan -- 2. Unforeseeable Accidents from the Point of View of the Legal System -- 3. Report on Fukushima Counseling Support Professional Team: Interdisciplinary Team Approach for Psychosocial Care of Evacuees -- 4. Societal and Ethical Aspects of Radiation Risk Perception -- 5. Thinking Across Disaster --6. Emotional Consequences of TMI and Chernobyl: Lessons Learned for Fukushima -- 7, 3/11 and 9/11: A Multi-faceted Investigation of a Survivor Exchange Program -- 8. Psychosocial Responses to Disaster and Exposures: Distress Reactions, Health Risk Behavior, and Mental Disorders -- 9. Psychosocial Challenges of the Fukushima Nuclear Plant Workers. Sommario/riassunto This book focuses on mental health issues arising in the wake of the

Fukushima nuclear disaster. Three years after the 11 March 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake, tsunamis, and Fukushima Daiichi nuclear accident, roughly 130,000 individuals continue to face enormous

burdens as a result of mandatory evacuation. Many evacuees still live in temporary housing, and returning home remains a distant dream as they wait for the decontamination of the danger zone to be completed. However, the plant recovery process is still evolving, and the complete cleanup will take decades. Beyond all of these hardships, many evacuees are also mourning the loss of their loved ones. The compound disaster with its many uncertainties poses and will continue to pose serious emotional and social challenges. People affected by the nuclear disaster have been facing serious psychological challenges from ongoing fear of radiation exposure. Furthermore, there is continuing debate between various stakeholders on the options for disaster responses. This situation in turn produces adverse public responses, such as discrimination and stigmatization of the evacuees and scapegoating of the authorities and nuclear plant workers. Mental Health and Social Issues Following a Nuclear Accident addresses these issues and their impacts, pursuing both evidence-based and narrativebased approaches. It also contrasts the Fukushima findings with those of other nuclear disasters, namely, Three Mile Island and Cher nobyl.