

## IYC Report from JAPAN

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The Science Council of Japan, which is the national adhering organization of IUPAC in Japan, ordered the Japanese Union of Chemical Science and Technology to manage realization of events and at the same time, requested The Chemical Society of Japan as well as other chemistry related societies to cooperate with it. In response to this request, the Japan Committee on the IYC was established to plan and promote substantial activities. According to the website of the Japan IYC committee;

<http://www.iyc2011.jp/index-e.html>,

more than 70 activities have been registered as IYC events on June 24, 2011.

However, due to the devastating earthquake and Tsunami on March 11, several large events which were scheduled from March 17 to 29 as shown below were cancelled.

- "White Paper of Science" Symposium: "World-Changing Chemistry",
- 2011 GSC Workshop: "Chemistry for a Sustainable Society",
- Chemical Industry Technology Forum in the 76th annual meeting of SCEJ, Symposium entitled "What would be conditions for chemistry to lead the next generation?"
- The 91st Annual Meeting of The Chemical Society of Japan.

There is no immediate danger from the accident of Fukushima nuclear power plant and life in Tokyo is not so different from what it was before the disaster. However large power shortage is anticipated in summer season, and therefore, large events cannot be held especially in eastern Japan this summer. In addition, many companies related to chemical industries are still suffering from direct and/or indirect damage caused by the quake and Tsunami. Therefore, it seems inevitable for IYC activities to be less active than expected. But there are many who believe that now is the time to make an appeal of IYC because chemistry does take an important role in recovery from the disaster.

As for water measurement, no practice has been reported yet.