

The current situation in Fukushima: Mr. José Graziano da Silva, Director-General of FAO, “For the moment, we don’t see any reason to raise concerns about the safety of (Fukushima) food.”

Do you know what FAO is? FAO stands for Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, which is the world’s most authoritative United Nations organization in the field of food and agriculture. Recently, Mr. José Graziano da Silva, Director-General of FAO, visited Japan and expressed that, “At the moment, we don’t see any reason to raise concerns about the safety of (Fukushima) food.” Details are as follows:

“I can tell you that 6 years after the accident, we are continuing to monitor all the food and all the affected area, and before flying to Japan I requested an updated report about what we have been doing just to give you an example. We have analyzed on average from 20-30 thousands samples per month and we provide all this information on the website for free consultation.”

“So we can assure you that we are keeping every single problem coming from the area under control. And what we have to say is that the Japanese government has been very supportive and very transparent in facing this difficult situation.”

“At the moment, we don’t see any reason to raise concerns about the safety of food from that area. The inspection is continuing, a monitoring system is in place and international protocols have been followed and we will continue to follow this until we can assure everyone that we will not need to do so anymore. But I have to say that for the moment we don’t see any reason for concern.”

The remarks of Mr. José Graziano da Silva, Director-General of FAO gave great encouragement to those involved in the revival of Fukushima. We will continue to do our utmost to ensure food safety from now on.

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