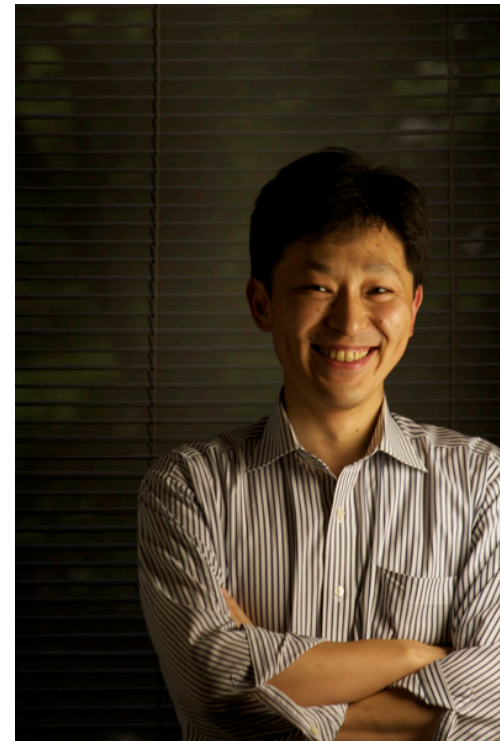


4th EBA Minamata Fieldwork “Lesson from Minamata disease and Reconstruction of Minamata-City”



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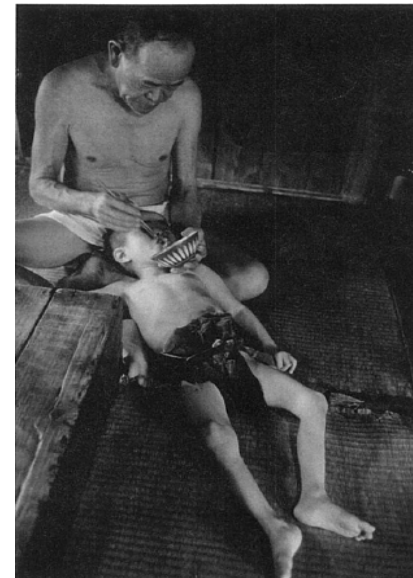


What is Minamata Disease?

- Minamata Disease is a toxic nervous disease caused by eating seafood contaminated with methyl mercury compounds discharged from the Minamata plant (in Kumamoto Prefecture) of Chisso coop.
- The history of Minamata Disease, from its official acknowledgement in 1956 to the final identification of its cause in the form of a consensus opinion of the government issued in 1968 is described next along with the background of these events. There are more than 3,000 patients in critical condition and more than 30,000 peoples has same symptom.
- As the result, the company spend more than 3 billion USD for compensation and environmental recovery

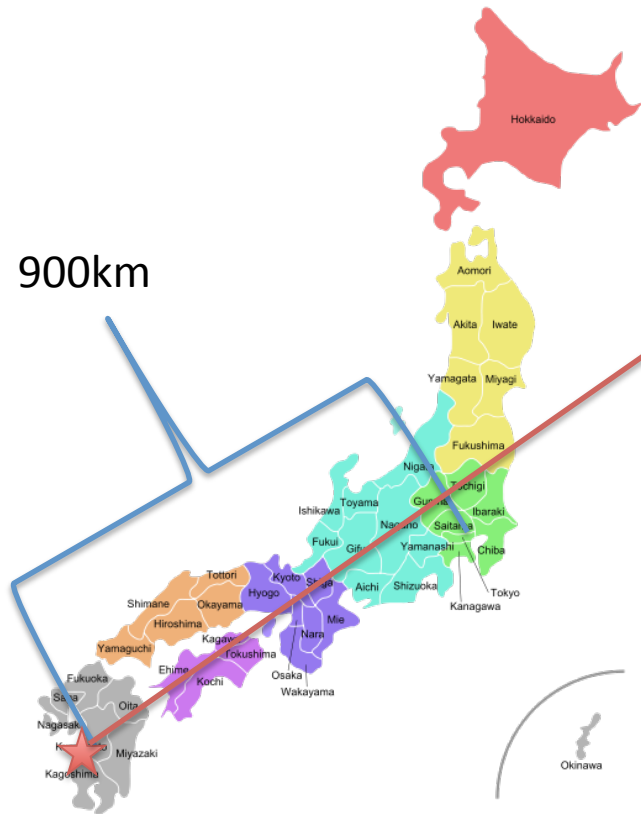


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胎児性水俣病患者に食事を与える祖父
(昭和35年:桑原史成撮影)

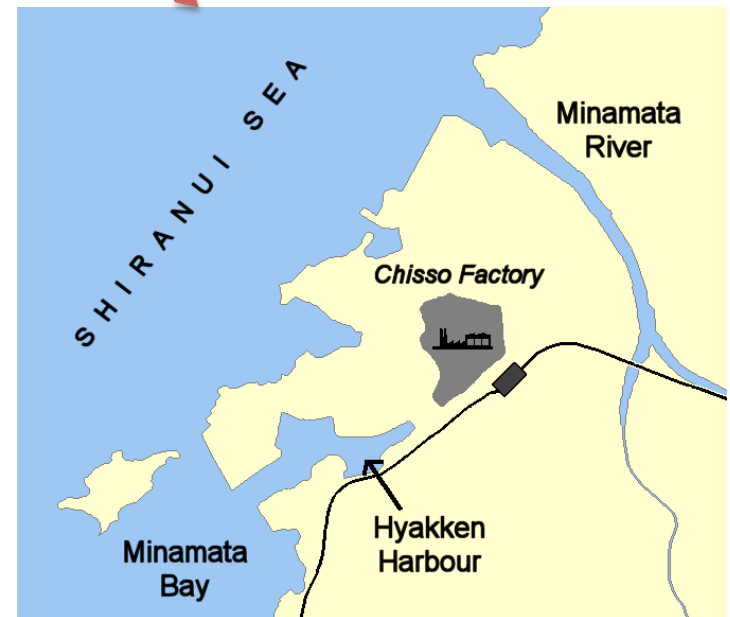
Where is Minamata City?



From Tokyo

1,400km by railway (6.5h by train)

1,300km by highway (13.5h by car)



Schedule

	1 st (Mon)	2 nd (Tue)	3 rd (Wed)	4 th (Thu)	5 th (Fri)
8:00	Fly to Kagoshima				
9:00		Move to mountain village by bus	Move by bus	Tour designed by high-school students	Move by bus
		Activities in the mountain	Walk around eco-park		Presentation
10:00	Move to Minamata by bus		Minamata disease museum		
11:00		Lunch			Lunch
12:00			Move by bus		
13:00	Lunch	Move to city center by bus	Lunch		Move to Kagoshima by bus
14:00	Guidance	Visiting Minamata eco-town	Activity with patients		
	Break		Move by bus		
15:00	Minamata disease and NIMD	Move by bus	Workshop with high-school students		Boading
16:00		Visiting JNC			Fly to Tokyo
17:00	Story telling	Move to hotel			
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18:00			Reception		

Theme in this year

- Sustainable Development Goals
 - United Nation defined 17 Goals to Transform Our World
 - <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/>
- We'll focused on following three goals.
 - Goal 2
 - End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
 - Goal 3
 - Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
 - Goal 6
 - Ensure access to water and sanitation for all

Assignment

- Please investigate the situation of your country related to the three goals.
- You may be requested to make a presentation about this in Minamata for Keio students and high-school students in Minamata.

Please come to Minamata and share our lessons
to stop such miserable situation
and consider with us how to lead a happy life



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