

### **"We will promote the health of pregnant women in Fukushima Prefecture."**

Many pregnant women intending to give birth and raise children in Fukushima Prefecture have been forced to live as refugees due to the Great East Japan Earthquake and the accident at Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO)'s Fukushima Daiichi NPS, and have stresses from changes in their lifestyles and worries concerning radiation.

Therefore, Fukushima Prefecture has been conducting the Pregnancy and Birth Survey with the aim of properly ascertaining those pregnant women's current status, mental and physical health conditions, as well as opinions and wishes in order to alleviate their worries, provide necessary care and ensure peace of mind and, to utilize the obtained data for improving obstetric and perinatal care in Fukushima Prefecture.

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Worries, anxieties and stresses caused by the accident at TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi NPS have been obstacles for women who intend to give birth and raise children in Fukushima Prefecture.

In light of such circumstances, Fukushima Prefecture has been conducting the Pregnancy and Birth Survey in order to ascertain pregnant women's mental and physical health conditions with the aim of providing care to those considered to be in need of support such as an opportunity to have consultations with midwives or public health nurses. At the same time, the survey also aims to obtain data to be utilized for improving obstetric and perinatal care in Fukushima Prefecture.

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