



CITIZENS AND ENERGY

STUDY TOUR – FEBRUARY 2012

Sustainable Sweden Association and its partner in Tokyo, the eco-tourism speciality tour organizer Reborn Inc., is providing an opportunity for people in Japan to visit Sweden for inspiration and learning. The main focus is: how to move on in a constructive way after the nuclear disaster in Fukushima March 11, 2011.

After the accident an increasing number of people in Japan have become interested in how citizens can take an active part in shaping the country's energy policies. They also want to learn about possibilities to decrease dependence on nuclear power.

We will travel for a week in Sweden meeting and talking to citizens who in different ways are involved in trying to shape Sweden's energy path. We will also visit some examples of renewable energy such as biogas and wind power, to see how such energy sources have become a part of the energy system. In addition we will learn how children in Sweden are educated to understand the concept of sustainability and to be prepared to take an active part in creating Sweden's future.

Wintertime in Sweden is a combination of cold and fresh air outdoors and warm and cozy environments indoors. Having energy for heating is a matter of life and death. Winter is therefore the best time to experience how citizens in Sweden feel and think about energy.

Dialogue is the key word and during the week we wish to provide opportunities for our guests to talk about how they experienced the accident in Fukushima, how the situation has developed, and how they think about their own future and the future for Japan. It will be an opportunity for Swedish hosts and see the energy debate through a very different cultural lens and find new perspectives.

We want the participants to return home full of inspiration empowerment to take part in the process of creating a sustainable Japan.

The program has been planned by Lena Lindahl, Tokyo and Barbro Kalla, Umeå. Lena Lindahl will also provide interpretation during the tour. Overall travel coordination by eco-tour planner specialist Kenichiro Iki, Reborn Inc. Tokyo.

SAT 4TH OF FEB: ARRIVAL STOCKHOLM

SUN 5TH OF FEB: STOCKHOLM

Meet our tour host and interpreter: Lena Lindahl

Introduction to Sweden.

Meeting with members of the Swedish anti-nuclear movement

What is the situation of the movement in Sweden? Why are Swedish people so quiet compared to in Germany?

How are anti-nuclear sentiments in Japan expressed after Fukushima?

MON 6ND OF FEB: UPPSALA / ÖSTHAMMAR

Visit to site for the planned site of the final storage for spent nuclear fuel.

“Why has the community decided to accept the storage? How do people envision the future of their community?”

TUE 7RD OF FEB: UPPSALA

Uppsala nature school

“Creating and nurturing the bond between citizens and nature.”

Uppsala biogas. “Local energy resources in the supermarket - From the dinner table to the bus gas tank”

Night train Uppsala-Umeå 22:02-06:30

WED 8TH OF FEB: UPPSALA - UMEÅ

Meet our Umeå host; Barbro Kalla

Out door activities. Winter ecology in preschool.

Options: Lunch and spa time or free time in time.

Free choice of electricity type and company. Deregulated electricity market.

Visit a home and talk and experience every day choices at an individual level. Learn more about about central heating in a house with a pellet boiler heater.

THU 9TH OF FEB: UMEÅ

Wind power in Holmsund – cooperative.

Discussion with local NGOs and citizens

“Uranium mining in Sweden?.

“Feelings about new nuclear power plant to be built in Finland on the other side of the Baltic Sea”

Farewell dinner in Barbro’s home.

FRI 10TH OF FEB: UMEÅ

Workshop with Barbro Kalla:

Creating a sustainable bright future in Japan.

To Stockholm by air

SAT 11TH OF FEB: STOCKHOLM – JAPAN

Flight for Japan.