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Exhibition

Tuvaluoverview dispatched two members, Shuuichi Endou and Yuko Endou, as delegation of Tuvalu government in this time with posters and electronic devices such as iPad.

Since the pre-procedure from the government of Tuvalu has not been done. Unfortunately Tuvalu was not assigned the exhibition space in the biginig. But Shuuichi was negotiated in the United Nations Secretariat, then we got the assignment of booth only the first week. We were lucky because this time there was a cancellation booth. Without this cancellation, we could not have a booth. Otherwise funds Shuuichi have invested was completely wasted.

December 3 to December 6, Only 4days, we introduced the Tuvalu in exhibition booth. There were visitors of about 50 people a day. Most of the visitors did not even know location of Tuvalu. We were reminded of the importance of exhibition space. Coverage of the media there were many. Output of media is in another page.

United Nations gave assign the booth came out cancellation also 2nd week to Tuvalu. However, since the exhibition materials that I have deposited in Moe went missing, I was not able to resume the exhibition.



Exhibition scene

Tuvalu Overview



Media Output



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Tuvalu, a country 1°C above sea level

By Carlos Garcia Granthorn, 8 December 2014
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Mr. Soseala Tinilae, a Tuvaluan delegate to the Lima COP20, points to Funafuti, the main city of the atoll.

Tuvalu, a Small Island Developing State (SIDS) in Polynesia, is the fourth smallest country in the world. Its 11,000 inhabitants will have no home by 2050, if the Pacific Ocean continues to rise due to global warming. Actually a rise of only one degree Celsius in the average temperature of the planet will be a serious threat to the survival of people in the nine atolls that make up Tuvalu. Its highest point is only 4.6 meters above the sea level.

The rising sea is already contaminating underground water sources in Tuvalu, so people are dependent on collecting rainwater. There is widespread distress when the El Niño phenomenon brings drought to the country, as it does regularly.

The farming of Taro and Puraka potatoes is already threatened due to lack of fresh water. Other than fish and coconuts, this is the only food grown in the islands.

The Tuvalu delegation traveled more than 30 hours to come to Lima, in the hope that their plight will move the world and keep average global temperature rise within two degrees Celsius. Anything else will be too hot and too late for the Tuvaluans who want to get on with their lives, to sing and dance and fish in one of the last non-industrial paradises left in this world - a world whose contamination threatens to drown them, though they have contributed nothing to the contamination.



Mr. Shuichi Endou, environmental goodwill ambassador, shows the effects of sea level rising at Tuvalu.



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Three nations whose survival depends on a climate change solution

Shuichi Endou, Japanese photographer based on the tiny Pacific island nation of Tuvalu, which he also represents as environmental goodwill ambassador

"Two degrees is too much — 1.5 is probably the limit for Tuvalu." (Two degrees Celsius is the benchmark temperature rise above pre-industrial levels that many scientists say would avoid catastrophic climate change.)

"Tuvalu will be gone in about 15 years ... many are already evacuating."

"We are just 2 meters above sea level so whenever there is a storm surge or large waves, we get swamped. The seawater has worked its way into the watertable and our crops of coconut, banana, taro and breadfruit are failing."



Crops are being eaten away by storm surges and rising seas. Source: Diggster

"They say Tuvalu will be gone in about 15 years. There are just 10,000 people in Tuvalu and many are already evacuating to Fiji, New Zealand and Australia. Those that aren't making plans know that they will have to soon."

"We urgently need climate change not just to slow down or stop but to reverse; even with a relatively strong agreement in Paris, it is hard to see that happening."

news.com.au

<http://www.news.com.au/travel/world-travel/three-nations-whose-survival-depends-on-a-climate-change-solution/story-e6frfqai-1227157972930>

Earth Journalism Network

<http://earthjournalism.net/stories/tuvalu-a-country-1degc-above-sea-level>

Global Post

<http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/regions/americas/peru/141211/cop-20-lima-climate-change-interviews>

and some more....

Side event



Shuuichi and Mataio was invites to side events that some Swiss organization and the Taiwan fund was planning. Shuuichi was presentation the introduction of Tuvalu and details of the damage of Tuvalu. Mataio presentation adaptation measures to Tuvalu of this problem as a panelist.

To many visitors in our booth ask me "Is there any Tuvalu side events?", "The side event that Mr. Enele Sopoaga or Mr. Ian fry appeared?" We should be held in each of the COP venue the side events that Tuvalu is sponsored by.



