

AFC Study Tour No.

# Minamata Study Tour

2016 marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of official announcement of the discovery of Minamata disease. Minamata disease is methylmercury poisoning which has been caused by daily intake of fish and shellfish highly contaminated by organic mercury, in Minamata Bay. Let 's visit Minamata to see what exactly happened and what we can learn from it. At the same time, question anew our lifestyle and the way of our society. Professor Masanori Hanada of Minamata Onsite Study Center of Kumamoto Gakuen University will kindly give us a valuable lecture and we will have dinner with him.

We will stay at a traditional Japanese inn with a hot spring and enjoy delicious local foods.



Minamata Bay

Hyakken overflow



the Chisso Corporation in Minamata



Minamata Disease Municipal Museum



The open Research Center for Minamata Studies



Minamata Kugino Airinkan

Date/**October 2nd (Sun) -October 3rd (Mon)** (one night/two days)

Oct 2nd Departs at Kokura Station 8 : 30

Oct 3rd Returns at Kokura Station 18 : 00 (Via Fukuoka Airport 16 : 30)

Cost/ **27,000 yen (\$230)**

This price includes bus, hotel, two lunches, breakfast, dinner, and related study fees such as lecture's fee.

The one-day AFC accommodation fee will be refunded.

Tour Participants/ **Minimum 20 - maximum 30**

Accommodations/ **Asahiso (a Japanese style inn) at Yunotsuru Hot Spring in Kumamoto Prefecture on Kyushu**