

**Report of the Panel Discussion Entitled  
“Challenges and Future Measures of Risk Assessment and Risk Communication in  
Foods”**

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**< Summary >**

A panel discussion entitled “Challenges and Future Measures of Risk Assessment and Risk Communication in Foods” was held on September 8<sup>th</sup> 2010. The panel discussion was organized by the Research Center for Food Safety of the University of Tokyo.

Seven panelists participated. The panel included Ms. Irene van Geest who was formerly responsible for risk communication at European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), and Dr. Angelica Preiß-Weigert who is the Head of Unit Contaminant, at the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR). The panelists discussed “Understanding differences between hazard and risk”, “Guidelines for risk evaluation”, “Margin of exposure (MOE) as an index of risk management and communication”, “ALARA principles” and “Transparency in risk assessment and communication”. In particular, the discussion focused on differences between the EU and Japan.