

Appeal from Fukushima

At “the 50,000 People’s Rally to say Good Bye to Nuclear Plant” on September 19th in Tokyo
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Hello everybody!
I’ve come from
Fukushima.

I’m here together
with a large number
of Fukushima
people, who have
traveled by dozens
of busses
from the affected
area as well as

from the evacuation places. A lot of us are the participants of such a rally or demonstration for the first time. We have taken courage to come here to tell you what really happened in the terrible disaster and how deep our sorrow is and also to raise a voice of “No-Nuke” with you all.

First of all, let me express my great respect to every one of you for your endeavor to live and

to defend life by all possible means since March 11th.

We are also genuinely grateful for those people who have extended a warm hand of help and offered various assistance for us in adversity.

Also I’d like to say really sorry for children and young people to whom we, our senior generation, are responsible for having caused such a catastrophic situation which make your future devastating. I sincerely apologize to you for all.

As you know, Fukushima is a very beautiful place. On east, we have coast area, called Hama-dori, with its deep blue Pacific Ocean, in the middle region, Naka-dori, we enjoy abundant products of fruits, such as peach, pears and apples and finally, Aizu plain with rich rice field surrounded by Lake Inawashiro and Mount Bandai. Fukushima finds itself in a



bosom of mountains and pure water. This is our home.

March 11th has totally changed our situation. Our whole landscape is now mercilessly exposed to invisible radioactivity and we have been reduced to “Hibakusha”, victims of atomic bombing. We have faced all kind of trouble and confusion.

We were thrown into an agonizing situation, in which fake propaganda, which tried to underplay the serious danger of the nuclear accident, was hurriedly and systematically organized through mass media, and horrible catastrophe was actually threatening our lives. Thus human bondage has been torn apart. A huge number of people were almost tortured and suffered from horrible disaster in the local communities, workplaces, schools and at home.

Every day has been for us a day of making decision: To run away or not? To eat or not? Could we put the laundry in the open air or not? Do children need mask against contamination or not? Is farming work still possible or not? Should we speak out or not? At many issues we have been confronted with hard choice.

A half years' experiences, however, have gradually and clearly revealed the following facts to us:

- The truth can easily be concealed from us.
- The state doesn't defend the life of people.
- The nuke accident has not yet come to end.
- Fukushima people are going to be materials of nuclear experiment.
- After all, a gigantic amount of radioactive waste pile up.
- There is a certain social force that is determined to promote nuclear plant development even at the sacrifice of a large number of people.
- We have been abandoned.

It's true we feel sad and totally exhausted and draw a heavy sigh. But almost spontaneously



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the voice comes from within us: “Don't mock us” “Don't take our lives from us”.

Fukushima people in anger and sorrow are now calmly rising up:

Mothers and fathers as well as grandmothers and grandfathers to defend the lives of children;

Young people for their future;

Workers to assist their fellow workers in nuclear plants for repair work under heavy nuclear exposure;

Farmers in despair for their contaminated farmland;

Handicapped people to fight against possible discrimination against them because of the disaster;

Every citizen is demanding TEPCO and the state to take responsibility for all the catastrophic developments.

They are raising their angry voices, “Stop nuclear plant!” Each of us is now a demon of East Japan who is burning its calm indignation.

We of Fukushima are now united in our pain, responsibility and hope and are determined to live in mutual support, even if some of us are perhaps obliged to leave Fukushima and others still remain.

Please be united with us! Please look at our action. We are eager to learn much over the way how to negotiate with the government, to attend the court on evacuation, to work out risk management, recreation, decontamination,



measurement of radioactivity, and to acquire knowledge over nuclear plant and radioactivity.

We are also ready to visit everywhere when we are asked to talk about our experiences in Fukushima. Just now our colleagues are making speech in New York over the ocean. We'll do everything we find useful.

We ask you to help us. Don't forget Fukushima.

There is one more thing I want to tell you today. That is the way we live. I think we are required to mobilize our imagination fully over what is happening and will happen in the whole world, even when we switch on electricity in our simple daily life. What I mean is our comforts and convenience as well as development is often based upon the sacrifice and discrimination of large number of people. Nuclear plant exists just against these backgrounds.

Human being is only one of the species of the creatures on the globe. Is there any other species that deprives themselves of the future

of its own race than human being? I myself want to live as one of the creatures that love and harmonize with the globe, a beautiful star. My ideal is to work out a simple but imaginative, fertile and creative life that economizes energy and resources.

No one seems to know how to create a new world that stands on the opposite side of nuclear plant. One thing we could do and should do is to think over and over seriously and independently and to watch things by our own eyes, to decide what is to be done and to act resolutely. Let's just remember we have the power to do that.

We are all courageous enough to change ourselves. Let's take back self-confidence, which we have long been deprived of. Let's unite. Against the tall and rigid wall of nuclear plant promoters, we confront by our power that develops horizontally in ever-widening solidarity.

Just reach your hand gently to your unknown neighbor! Watch each other and listen to him or her. Be generous enough to accept anger and sorrow of others. Let's extend the warmth of your hands all over Japan and to the whole world.

Though we must carry unbearably heavy load and follow rough road from now on, let's live a cheerful life in untearable unity and survive courageously.

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