

## Health Clinic for Fukushima Children!

**We ask for your support and cooperation to save lives of and look after 360,000 Fukushima Children**

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Fund-raising Committee for Fukushima Clinic

At least 15,000 terabecquerels (TBq) of cesium 137—equal to that of 168 Hiroshima bombs—was released from the Fukushima nuclear power plant; the Fukushima catastrophe is far more serious than that of Chernobyl.

Around 120,000 residents who were forced to evacuate from their homes within the mandatory evacuation areas and 60,000 who voluntarily evacuated had to abandon their homes and are deprived of their livelihood. What is worse, about 75% of Fukushima's 360,000 children are obliged to keep going to schools that are more contaminated than in a radiation control area (higher than 0.6 $\mu$ Sv/h). Already cesium 134 and 137 are found in urine of children who have evacuated from the areas around Fukushima Daiichi. The exposure of children, especially the internal exposure is the matter of critical importance. We need to evacuate all children from the contaminated areas as soon as possible.

But the Japanese government does not recognize the Fukushima people's right to evacuate and refuses to pay compensation. The most workers worry about their children's exposure. But, being bound by social and economic conditions, they have no choice but to continue to stay in Fukushima. No one trusts the remarks of the government-hired pundit Shunichi YAMASHITA, the vice-president of Fukushima Medical University: "There are no health effects at all as long as the radiation level remains under 100mSv/y" "The effects of internal exposure on the human health are too small and causes no harm."

Because of that, the Fukushima mothers rushed to the Ministry of Education in Tokyo to lodge a protest and continue a sit-in campaign in front of the Ministry of Economy. We are fighting with them to save our children's lives and protect their future. Our indignant and alarming voices led to 60,000 strong anti-nuke rallies in Meiji Park in Tokyo on September 19, 2011 and are spreading all over the world. Let us stand up together and make a big movement to save the Fukushima children's lives.

What we now desperately need is to establish a health clinic that will be the cornerstone of health and solidarity of Fukushima people.

The children in Fukushima have been exposed to



radiation every day and forced to live in an extremely critical and stressful situation for nearly ten months. Anxiety and concerns that all Fukushima mothers have for their children will not be alleviated by conducting decontamination operations. We do not trust medical institutions that treat our children as human guinea pigs. It would really be heartening to the Fukushima people to have a reliable health clinic close to us to consult with a doctor when we are confronted with a serious question about our health: "Is it the effect of radiation?"

The children of Chernobyl are reported to be suffering from various diseases caused by radiation exposure such as enlargement of the thyroid gland, hormone abnormality, anemia, headache, impairment of heart and lung function, immune compromise, accelerated aging, cancers and so on.

It will be needed to take a comprehensive approach

beyond the concept of modern medicine. We should put priority on good preventive medical care. The health clinic we aim to set up is not only a medical institution but a comprehensive health care center which covers alternative medicine that develops natural healing power of human nature. In other words, we regard “revolution in daily life” as an essential part of our health clinic to offer suggestions for dishes to protect from radioactivity or re-examining our way of life.

It is not an easy task to establish such a medical care institution. But if we make a collective effort with the help of our friends all over the world, we will surely carry out our ambitious undertaking.

In fact, the A-bomb victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki have been developing their courageous activity, raising their voices “Bring back the human beings!”, to protect their lives and take back medical care in their hands.

Koyo Daiichi Clinic in Hiroshima City is one of the results of their activity. In 1970, manifestation of leukemia occurred to the young people of around twenty years old one after another. They were all the second generation of A-bomb victims. They were deeply stunned by the fact but bravely started a movement to establish a medical center by themselves. And then in 1972, the two-storied prefab housing Koyo Daiichi Clinic was built.

The late Nobuko KONISHI, a member of the Japan

Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations who together carried out the movement, said that Koyo Daiichi Clinic was the “window to the soul of the A-bomb victims”. A writer Kenzaburo OE, one of the supporters of this movement, wrote in the newspaper at that time, “There was obviously [in that Clinic] an amalgamation of practice, education and firm intention to live through”. Since then, Koyo Daiichi Clinic has been the cornerstone of the Hiroshima people to live through for 40 years.

Such medical care institution is really needed now in Fukushima for the people to live through. We earnestly ask all the people including doctors and medical workers to join us in carrying out this project!

Children create the future. Children just must not live worrying about the radiation exposure. We really wish to establish a reliable health clinic where we can get together free from anxiety and consult with doctors whatever we want. It is a struggle to defend our own lives by unity and solidarity of all of us and to take back the medical care in our hands. It is a movement to stop and abolish all nuclear power plants immediately and create a society without any nuke.

We call on all friends of the world for your support and cooperation to establish a health clinic to save lives and look after health of 360,000 Fukushima children.

Thank you.

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