

Some words for the 6th anniversary of Fukushima

Dear friends,

It has come again, the month of March and we are close to the 6th anniversary of the Fukushima nuclear disaster.

On March 11, 2011, a large earthquake with the magnitude of Mw9.0 attacked the northeast region of Japan - its epicenter was 70KM east of the city of Sendai in the Pacific - destroyed many cities, and the tsunami carried away with its elemental force innumerable houses and people deep into the sea. But still the second disaster began the following day.

The earthquake and tsunami led on 12 March the first reactor of the FUKUSHIMA-DAIICHI nuclear power plant, on the 14th the third and on the 15th the fourth into explosion. Consequently, among all other radioactive nuclides, e.g. more than 300 times radioactive cesium than in Hiroshima went out into the air, into the earth and into the sea. But it has not finished yet. Since the catastrophe, radioactive contamination has been continuing still today, but will also continue tomorrow, 10 years, 20 years, 50 years, 100 years and even further.

It is unknown when all these contaminations will end, we only know, that they will extend over generations. They do not smell, they are not visible and not to feel but they continually and silently pollute step by step our earth, our air, our rivers and our seas, all over the world.

We all, along with our innocent children, and finally, all lives on our planet are internally and externally exposed to those radioactive nuclides.

What a disaster!

And this disaster could have been avoided if the political rulers and industries of Japan had reason, not to build any nuclear power stations in this extreme earthquake-threatened country.

The whole Fukushima Prefecture, even many places in the surrounding or nearby prefectures are in fact far more radioactively contaminated than the so-called safety limit value of 1 mSv per year.

Now, for some time, the government has been calling the 20 times higher value, ie 20mSv per year as a new safe value instead of 1mSV.

But even this value is easily surpassed in many hot spots in the mentioned areas.

It is estimated that the refugees having fled from the prefecture Fukushima since

the atomic Disaster are about 50,000. This is very small number compared to the population of 2 million in Fukushima before it.

I also note that most of them are young mothers who have higher average of education and are accustomed to think of objective facts independently and critically, and not to be influenced by the government's propaganda, and have decided, to flee with their children from Fukushima in order to protect them in spite of greatest financial and family as well as social problems.

And particularly most of those courageous mothers acting from their sense of responsibility are beaten by hardest life and are left alone.

Today, they are often suffering from a great deal of poverty without a future perspective.

Many of them had to flee alone, while their husbands remained in Fukushima and sent money from their earnings. But in the course of time, the long separate lives have stressed them psychologically and financially so hard that many of their marriages have finally broken.

This is the result of the irresponsible, criminal nuclear politics of Japan.

Finally, both the Government and TEPCO have not provided any financial support to all those refugee families not being from the evacuation zones within 20KM of the exploded nuke stations.

But in fact, the whole territory of Fukushima Prefecture and also some surrounding areas still have countless so-called hot-spot corners with threateningly high radioactive radiation values and therefore, in short, not habitable without health risks.

"The entire Fukushima area is safe to live, no health concerns !!!"
This is the daily propaganda of the government with full of lies. The truths which are uncomfortable for them are always strictly concealed.

Most uncritical citizens in Fukushima live there and believe the propaganda of the government saying " Fukushima is safe to live, all people should return to Fukushima! " as they believed that propaganda before the Fukushima-Disaster saying "nuclear power plants are 100% safe and deliver the cleanest and cheapest electricity !!!"

Now, the almost only support given by the state and local government until today is so far, according to the circumstances, to provide those fled mothers and children with certain social housings in their refuge areas.

However, they are going to stop this support at the end of March of this year. They say: "Fukushima is safe to live, so no reason to flee. If they still wanted to remain in the escape, they should either pay the rent or leave the apartment from April."

The refugees and citizens' initiatives are protesting against it. But it looks to be hopeless.

In view of this most difficult situation, I would like to ask you all for your warm-hearted donations for those suffering mothers and children.

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Please, give at the transfer "Donations for children in Fukushima" !!!

Tokyo, March 7, 2017
Many warm greetings

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*At the late stage of my life I have only one wish:
To speak out of my innermost soul,
To follow my conscience
To act for the suffering, innocent children and
To fight for our unique, beautiful and irreplaceable earth,
which is now increasingly polluted world-wide and
crying for help silently.*

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