



FUKUSHIMA EYE-WITNESSES FROM JAPAN VISIT NEW YORK

WILL CHALLENGE UN TO STOP ITS PROMOTION OF NUCLEAR POWER

Please attend a presentation by Japanese families and leading anti-nuclear activists from Japan and the US! Hear what the US press still isn't telling us about the reality on the ground around the Fukushima nuclear reactors; how we can help; and how the US is running the same risks with 23 identical reactors as those that melted down at Fukushima and 81 others, such as Indian Point. An audience discussion will follow.

WHEN: Thursday, September 22, 12-2pm. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Soft drinks will be available.

WHERE: American Friends Service Committee Meetinghouse, 15 Rutherford Place between 15th and 16th Streets, and 2nd and 3rd Avenues in New York City.

WHO: Sachiko Sato, an organic farmer from Fukushima and her 13- and 17-year old children, Yuuki and Mina, will talk about poor evacuation operations, the splitting of families and the impact of the nuclear meltdowns to lives and livelihoods. Kaori Izumi, director of Shut Tomari, will discuss the unhealthy and corrupting relationship between government, business, the media and pro-nuclear intellectuals and the judiciary. Yukiko Anzai, also from near Tomari, will talk about the fate of farmers after the meltdowns. Aileen Mioko Smith, Executive Director of Green Action and a veteran anti-nuclear campaigner in Japan will discuss her petition to the UN High Commission on Human Rights to recognize and address the plight of children in the Fukushima region. Kevin Kamps of Beyond Nuclear will describe the U.S. "Freeze our Fukushimas" campaign, a first step in shutting down US reactors identical to those at Fukushima-Daiichi units 1-4 as part of a goal to phase out operation at all 104 US reactors.

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DETAILS: Sachiko Sato had to evacuate her three children while she remained in Fukushima. Her children worried about their classmates left behind. Meanwhile, the Japanese government simply raised the “allowable” radiation dose for children 20-fold to a level equivalent to a maximum nuclear worker dose in some countries of 2 rem per year.

Kaori Izumi knows the dangers posed by Tomari as it prepares to load MOX fuel next spring – mixed oxide - a blend of plutonium and uranium. She is also a keen observer of the corrupting collaboration of business, industry, politics and the judiciary. Aileen Mioko Smith created a petition to the UN on behalf of the human rights of children. She and her colleagues will urge the UN renounce its support of nuclear power. Smith has spoken out frequently on international stages both before and during the still on-going Japanese nuclear catastrophe. Presentations will be in English other than the Sato family who will speak through an interpreter.

The meeting takes place on the same day that UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon is hosting a high level meeting in response to the Fukushima catastrophe. The UN session presents an ideal opportunity to draw the attention of the UN to the real suffering caused by nuclear energy; the imperative to learn the lessons of history; and to advocate for an end to nuclear energy in Japan, in the US and globally.

RSVP: If you plan to attend, please email Kevin Kamps at Beyond Nuclear:

Kevin@beyondnuclear.org. For more information, call 301.270.2209 to speak to Kevin Kamps or Linda Gunter.

The event is co-sponsored by: Abolition 2000 NY Metro ■ American Friends Service Committee ■ Beyond Nuclear ■ Fukushima Network for Saving Children from Radiation ■ Granny Peace Brigade ■ Green Action ■ Nuclear Age Peace Foundation ■ Peace Action International, CT ■ Physicians for Social Responsibility, NY ■ Shut Down Indian Point Now ■ Shut Tomari ■ Women's International League for Peace and Freedom