

## GLOBAL CONFERENCE FOR A NUCLEAR POWER FREE WORLD

### Press Conference, January 11 2012

On **January 14-15** (Sat-Sun), the **Global Conference for a Nuclear Power Free World** will be held at **Pacifico Yokohama**. This two-day conference will be the biggest event on nuclear and energy issues in Japan since Fukushima.

The Conference is being organized by a coalition of 6 Japan-based organisations (Citizens' Nuclear Information Center, FoE Japan, Green Action, Greenpeace Japan, Institute for Sustainable Energy Policies, and Peace Boat). Local and international experts as well as ordinary citizens will gather to develop actions to realize a world not dependent upon nuclear power. 10,000 participants, including over 100 from outside Japan, will join the dozens of symposiums, workshops, exhibitions and screenings over two days, including dozens of experts from Fukushima, Japan and all continents around the world.

On **January 11**, an **English language press briefing** will be held at the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan to brief correspondents on the conference, and introduce Japanese and international experts, who will be available for interviews during their stay in Fukushima/Tokyo/Yokohama.

**Date:** 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm, January 11 2011

**Venue:** The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan  
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#### Speakers

- Yoshioka Tatsuya (Chair of Executive Committee, Global Conference for a Nuclear Power Free World / Co-founder and Director, Peace Boat)
- Aileen Mioko Smith (Director, Green Action)
- Rebecca Harms (Member of the European Parliament, President of the Greens/EFA group)
- Mycle Schneider (Independent international consultant on energy and nuclear policy)

#### Contents of press conference:

- Introduction of conference
- Programme details: visit of international experts to Fukushima (Jan 12-13); conference sessions; speakers including renowned Japanese experts, cultural figures and more; self-organised events including dozens by groups from Fukushima and other disaster affected areas; workshops, film screenings, exhibitions and more
- Presentation by international experts on how Fukushima has affected nuclear policy abroad and the latest in renewable and nuclear issues.
- Press registration method for coverage during the conference and in advance/following

Non-members of the FCCJ are also welcome to attend; please reserve in advance at the FCCJ front desk (Tel: +81-3-3211-3161).

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**Advance Press Registration for the Global Conference for a Nuclear Power Free World is also available: see here for details: <http://www.npfree.jp/english/download.html>**

## Speaker Profiles

### **YOSHIOKA Tatsuya / Chair, Global Conference for a Nuclear Power Free World Organizing Committee, Director, Peace Boat (Japan)**

Co-founded the Japan-based international NGO Peace Boat in 1983, which conducts global voyages by ship for a more peaceful and sustainable world. Following the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, Peace Boat has dispatched volunteers for over 50,000 days of volunteer efforts in Ishinomaki, and supported temporary evacuation for children from Fukushima. Nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2008.

吉岡達也 / 脱原発世界会議実行委員長/ピースボート共同代表

平和で持続可能な世界をめざし地球一周クルーズを行っている国際NGOピースボートを通じ、東日本大震災では、のべ5万人以上のボランティアを宮城県石巻市に送り出し、福島県南相馬市の中学生のための国際交流プログラムなどを実施。2008年の「9条世界会議」共同代表。

### **Aileen Mioko SMITH / Environmental Journalist (living in Kyoto), Director of Green Action (Japan)**

Born in 1950 in Tokyo. Graduated from Stanford University. MSc in Environmental Science at Columbia University in 1983. Lived in Minamata from 1971 to research the Minamata Disease Issue. Released the photo book "MINAMATA" with Eugene Smith in 1975. Lived in Three Mile Island for a year in 1979 to survey the nuclear power accident.

アイリーン・美緒子・スミス / 環境ジャーナリスト(京都市在住)、グリーン・アクション代表

1950年、東京生まれ。68年スタンフォード大学入学、83年コロンビア大学にて環境科学の修士号取得。1971年から水俣病取材のため水俣に住み、1975年に写真集『MINAMATA』をユージン・スミス氏と出版。1979年、スリーマイル島原発事故調査のため現地に1年間住む。

### **Rebecca HARMS (Germany)**

A gardener by profession, Rebecca Harms cofounded a citizen's group combating nuclear waste disposal in Gorleben, and has been involved in politics since 1984. Energy policy has always been the focus of her political work, and since 2004 she continues her commitment for renewable energies, energy efficiency and against a nuclear renaissance as a member of the European Parliament. President of the GREENS/EFA Group in the European Parliament, spokesperson of the Green German MEPs and member of the party council of Bündnis 90/Die Grünen.

レベッカ・ハルムス(ドイツ)

造園師を営みながら、核廃棄物処分場建設反対運動を立ち上げる。1984年に政治活動開始、2004年からは欧州議会議員としてエネルギー政策に注力。欧州グリーングループ・欧州自由連盟代表、緑の党ドイツ欧州議会議員団広報担当、ドイツ緑の党/同盟90理事。

### **Mycele SCHNEIDER (Germany)**

Independent international consultant on energy and nuclear policy. Advisor to the German Environment Ministry from 2000-2010, as well as to the French Environment Minister's Office and to the Belgian Minister for Energy and Sustainable Development (1998-2003). Has given evidence and briefings at 12 national and the European Parliament. Received the Right Livelihood Award ("Alternative Nobel Prize") with Takagi Jinzaburo for their joint work on plutonium in 1997.

マイケル・シュナイダー(ドイツ)

エネルギーと核政策に関する国際的なコンサルタント。ドイツ環境省、フランス、ベルギーにおける国務大臣事務所顧問を歴任、12カ国の議会および欧州議会では情報提供を担当。1997年にはプルトニウムに関する高木仁三郎氏との共同研究でライト・ライブリフッド賞を受賞した。