

Fukushima Action Project

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Background and Goals

The Fukushima Action Project was established following the announcement that the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) will establish a research centre in Fukushima Prefecture in 2013 focusing on decontamination and health management, and hold a Ministerial Meeting on Nuclear Safety at Big Palette in Koriyama City, Fukushima Prefecture on December 15-17, 2012. It aims to raise awareness about these facts, and to provide opportunities for local citizens to learn about what the IAEA is, and for what and whose purpose the research will be.

The Fukushima Action Project aims to enable those affected by the TEPCO Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant disaster to monitor the IAEA plans in Fukushima, and ensure that their demands are delivered and that the IAEA research activities are conducted to be for the benefit of the people. Conveying the fundamental proactive message of the local citizens to protect their own and their children's health, lives and futures, it also plans to lobby the IAEA, Japanese Government and Fukushima Prefecture to conduct their utmost efforts to truly end the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant disaster, and prevent "another Fukushima" from ever being repeated.

Fukushima Action Project Demands – as Citizens of the nuclear power plant disaster affected area

Even now after 1 year and 8 months has passed since the disaster, the real situation inside the Unit 1-4 reactors of the exploded Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant the real facts about the disaster are still unknown; the disaster is ongoing. Particularly, the of Unit 4 Reactor 's containment vessel was blown off, the spent fuel pool lay bare, and the reactor building itself is tilting. There is no guarantee that it would survive another large tremor. As an earthquake prone nation, the Japanese archipelago is since March 11, 2011 now said to be in an "active phase", with shocks of more than 6 on the Japanese "shindo" seismic intensity scale occurring more and more often. It is said that there is a risk of a "second Fukushima" occurring, which could put the whole of Japan at risk.

The people of Fukushima, the "Hibakusha" who experienced this unprecedented nuclear disaster, have lost so much – their everyday life as taken for granted, their jobs, will to live, dreams, hopes, the homes and fields of their ancestors, communication with their families, neighbours and friends, the bountiful nature of their homeland... Being forced to live in the midst of the fear of the invisible radiation, and with conflicting "safety campaigns" by the authorities, the people of Fukushima's lives are even at risk, having to live with the risk of internal and external exposure to radiation, constantly being exposed to low-dose radiation.

More than anything, the environment in which to safely bring up healthy children has been taken away, and a huge burden has been placed on the next generation. Our greatest responsibility as adults is to protect the children from the effects of radiation by bringing them to a safe place as soon as possible. There is no future for Fukushima Prefecture, for Japan, or even for humanity if we are not able to protect the children.

If a "second Fukushima" were to take place, it is likely that the radioactive contamination would not only affect Japan, but be on a global scale. The people of Fukushima are living every day with the fear of another aftershock, which could occur at any time. This situation truly proves that humanity cannot coexist with nuclear technology, and that nuclear power plants take everything away.

Fukushima Action Project Demands

1. Gather humanity's wisdom to truly end the Fukushima nuclear power plant disaster as soon as possible.
2. Immediately decommission the 10 reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi and Daini nuclear power plants.
3. Immediately decommission all other nuclear power plants throughout earthquake-prone Japan, to prevent "another Fukushima" from ever being repeated.
4. Protect children from the effects of radiation as quickly as possible. Children should urgently be evacuated, relocated, or given respite in safe areas.
5. Make available the data from the health management survey of children and other residents

- conducted by the Fukushima Prefectural Medical University to the subjects of the survey, and ensure accountability. The subjects must not be made into guinea pigs.
6. Distribute health booklet/certificates to to all *Hibakusha* (people affected by radiation) in Fukushima Prefecture, and provide lifelong health and livelihood compensation as necessary.
 7. Promote the technology required for decommissioning of nuclear power plants, and create new employment in this field while taking utmost precautions to minimise the accumulated exposure to radiation of those working in this field.
 8. Shift energy policy to no longer depend on nuclear power, and instead promote technological reform towards renewable and low carbon energy, creating new social structures thereby.
 9. Ensure disposal methods for spent nuclear fuel waste as soon as possible.
 10. Cease any restart of nuclear power plants prior to ensuring disposal methods for spent nuclear fuel waste.

Overall Activities

- Raise awareness about the IAEA amongst those affected by the nuclear power plant disaster, through symposiums, study sessions and campaigns.
- Deliver the demands of those affected by the nuclear power plant disaster to the AIEA, the Japanese Government and Fukushima Prefectural authorities, and call for the implementation of these demands.
- Call for the IAEA's research to be conducted in a transparent manner, which will be for the true benefit of the people affected by the nuclear power plant disaster

Activities in 2012

- Preparations for the launch of the Fukushima Action Project conducted since mid-October with creation of various publicity materials in order to raise awareness of the issue in the local area.
- Launch event held on November 24 in Fukushima
- Call for a prior explanation to be held by the Japanese Government and Fukushima Prefecture regarding the IAEA presence in Fukushima, to take place prior to the December 15 Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Safety.
- Conduct "Fukushima Action" during the IAEA Ministerial Conference in Fukushima, to convey the real situation and demands of the Fukushima residents and those affected by the nuclear power plant. These demands will be delivered to the IAEA, Japanese Government and representatives of countries present, and calls will be made for these to be realised.
- Recommendations based on the above actions and demands to be submitted.
- Work in collaboration with the Nuclear Free Now - Global Conference for a Nuclear Power Free World 2 to be held in Tokyo on December 15-16, and other related networks and events both inside and outside Fukushima who share the same goals and principles of nonviolence and peaceful means such as the Mayors Network for a Nuclear Power Free Japan, the No Nukes Fukushima Network, Fukushima Women Against Nuclear Power Plants etc.
- Link to monitoring activities on the joint research project of the IAEA and Fukushima Prefectural Medical University.
- Hold secretarial and project meetings as needed.

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