

I properly fulfill my role!

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Delegation from Fukushima

We have just concluded our Sit-in Action in front of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry with great success. However, we didn't expect that our 3-day action (October 27 to 29) could draw such a flood of responses. Lots and lots of people came to join us from the first day of our action. We received numerous stuff of encouragement. There was a gush of women's enthusiasm and strong intense to stop nuclear power plants: "We can no longer remain silent! We have to speak up!"—It was really awesome.

About twenty years ago, I attended the lecture of HIROSE Takashi, one of the loudest, most persistent and best informed of the voices against nuclear plants, I felt so scared and trembled at his words. He said, "When a crisis occurs, the Naka-dori is much more dangerous than the Hama-dori" (the Naka-dori region is centrally located in Fukushima Prefecture and comprises big cities and many townships including Fukushima City and the Hama-dori region is the area facing the Pacific Ocean where the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Plant stands). But I was busy with day-to-day life and couldn't act enough for the anti-nuclear movement. After the March 11, I felt quite bad and miserable. At first, I was depressed at my powerlessness and only kept blaming myself. However, the sorrow and regret do not give us power

to step forward. Since participating in launching the Fukushima Network for Saving Children from Radiation, I have built solidarity with my partners and learned a lot by acting with them.

At the time of the struggle over the U.S.-Japan Security Pact in 1970, I was also involved in the movement. After taking part in the movement last April and while doing the activity, I have gradually restored the sense of how to fight against the authority and recognized my role. Now I am working with energy as one of the facilitators of our organization.

The Fukushima nuclear accident is the unprecedented catastrophe that mustn't be allowed to happen again. But it told us that we should protect by ourselves the place where we live. In a sense it is the great opportunity for us to think over independently our way of life, have communication with others, build solidarity with each other and take a significant step toward our future. When we think it the challenge for us human being to move on, we are prepared with full of energy.

The government says, "There is no immediate effect". But it is a lie. Lots of children have bloody noses, nausea or feelings of listlessness. Adults complain about health problems too. I also feel my eyes prickle with a raw throat. All schools in Fukushima will soon



turn to health clinics. All of Fukushima will be a city-wide hospital.

Our organization is now doing all kinds of protective measures to save children. It is the best way for children to evacuate from Fukushima, but there are lots who cannot do so, and therefore we are helping them to reduce the effects of radiation on their bodies. We help them to take care of themselves and give wisdom and ingenuity in daily eating. I have learned natural healing power through farming. A mountain always recovers its green plants even if it once gets bald. People also have great healing power in themselves. I am absolutely certain that human life itself has cure power and that we can find every query and resolution in our mere existence whatsoever.

Our new Prime Minister NODA Yoshihiko is promoting the restarts of nuclear facilities in our country and trying to expand export of nuclear power plants. He is working for the greedy and egoistic people who wish to control the world with money for

their interest. His first priority is to maintain the present structure. A man who is insensible to the life-threatening situation of people is not qualified to engage in politics.

Until the March 11, I was growing my own food and was achieving self-sufficiency lifestyle. I received trainees from abroad from time to time and lived together with them. But now my small mountain town surrounded by beautiful nature has become contaminated by radiation and I can no longer continue my self-sufficient life. I have moved to Fukushima City to concentrate on our activities. It is impossible to live my life without considering the issue of nuclear. Now my life is to fight against nuclear.

I bitterly regret that the disastrous thing has happened because in the past we have left the important issue alone and not strived hard to solve it. But now I will fight with all my strength to put my foot down to the TEPCO, the state and also to myself. I will properly fulfill my role!

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