

This is a call to all the women of Japan and the world!

Follow in the footsteps of Fukushima's Women!

Nationwide call to action! Join us now!

***“It's about time we break
the silence!”***

Women across the nation will take a stand and sit in protest!

Dates and place for the sit-in in front of METI, Tokyo

Place: Kasumigaseki, in front of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)

Address: 1-3-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku Tokyo

One minute walk from Kasumigaseki Station (Exit A12a), Tokyo Metro

Date: October 30 to November 5

- ★ Please come when you can, for lunch time, after work, for a day, for a week!
- ★ Or you may just visit us and chat with us. You are most welcome!

September 22, as Prime Minister Noda declared he would “raise Japan’s safety of nuclear power generation to the highest level in the world” at the U.N. meeting on nuclear safety in New York, women demonstrated outside the United Nations protesting, “How dare you talk about nuclear safety when you cannot even protect the children of Fukushima! Do not let the suffering of Fukushima’s people go to waste. Stop the world’s nuclear power plants!” On the flight home, we said to each other, “We should follow in the footsteps of the Fukushima women and gather women from across the nation to stage a sit-in!”

In spite of fact the fact the Fukushima accident is ongoing and high levels of radiation are found in Fukushima, on September 30th the Japanese government lifted evacuation orders in the Emergency Evacuation Preparation Zone. On October 3rd, a citizen’s

group-initiated study of 130 Fukushima children, a follow-up of an initial study conducted this past summer, found 10 children (7.7%) with signs of change in their thyroid functions requiring additional follow-up. In response Fukushima women have rallied, saying, "We shall not abandon children in this war zone drenched in invisible radiation!" "We will no longer tolerate nuclear power!" We have heard their call and we too, have decided to take a stand.

- ★ Give all children the right to evacuate!
- ★ Stop restart of nuclear power plants across Japan and let us live in security

- ✧ We are gathering fellow supporters
- ✧ Do not forget rain/cold protection as well as something to sit on
- ✧ We also welcome those who can contribute their spirit of solidarity in the cause or those wishing to donate for participant transportation fees

Donations received at: Shut Tomari

*Japan Post Bank, postal transfer account: 02720-5-79991, donate to "Onna Suwarikomi" ("Women' Sit-in")

*Japan Post Bank, regular savings deposit:

From a Japan Post Bank account 19050 15998721 "Onna Suwarikomi" ("Women' Sit-in")

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* If you wish to join the action, send a message to:
women_sit_in_owner@yahoogroups.jp

* For information on 27-29th Sep sit in organized by Fukushima Women, please check the site <http://onna100nin.seesaa.net/article/228900129.html>

Women calling for the sit-in (to date: October 11th)

Kaori Izumi, Shut Tomari, Fukushima no Kodomotachi wo Mamoru Kai Hokkaido (Group to Protect Fukushima Children Hokkaido) (Hokkaido)

Taka Yamaguchi, Shimin Jichi wo Tsukuru Kai (Group for the Creation of Citizen Self-Governance), Fukushima no Kodomotachi wo Mamoru Kai Hokkaido (Group to Protect Fukushima Children Hokkaido)

Sayaka Funada-Classen, Associate Professor Tokyo University of Foreign Language, Mom & Children Rescue Fukushima (Tokyo)

Kanna Mitsuta, FoE Japan (Tokyo)

Aileen Mioko Smith, Green Action (Kyoto)

Yuko Yatabe, Nadja no Fukushima Shien (Nadja's Support for Fukushima) (Ibaraki)

Masako Yonekawa, Associate Professor Utsunomiya University, Mom & Children Rescue Fukushima (Tochigi)

Supporters (to date: October 11th)

Teruko Yoshitake Director, All Japan Women Calling for No-Nukes (Tokyo)

Kazue Suzuki, Greenpeace Japan (Tokyo)

Kiyoko Shimada, Osaka Citizens against the Mihama, Oi and Takahama Nuclear Power Plants (Mihama-nno-Kai) (Osaka)

Eri Watanabe, FoE Japan (Tokyo)

Akiko Yoshida, FoE Japan (Tokyo)

Kumiko Sakamoto, Associate Professor, Faculty of International Studies Utsunomiya University, Mom & Children Rescue Fukushima (Tochigi)

Yukiko Anzai, Organic farmer (Yoichi, Hokkaido)

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Yoshiko Kobayashi, "Know Plutothermal" Shiribeshi Citizen's Network (Kyowa-cho, Hokkaido)

Risa Tokunaga, Lecturer, Keisen Women's College, Tokyo University for Foreign Languages (Tokyo)

Hatumi Ishimaru, Gennkai Nuclear Power Station Plutothermal Lawsuit Group

Akiko Ueno, Hisen Iburi (Sobetsu, Hokkaido)

Masayo Matsura, Women Who Fear Nuclear Power (Wakayama)

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Yui Kimura, No-Nukes • Topco Shareholders Movement (Tokyo)

Shigeko Ogiso, Good Bye Kashiwazaki Kariha Nuclear Power Station

(Below without titles)

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