

# **Fukushima : Antinuclear Group Launch Summer Campaign**

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## **Japan Antinuclear Group Launch Campaign in Fukushima**

Fukushima, July 31 (Jiji Press)—A major Japanese antinuclear and peace movement organization started an annual campaign on Sunday in Fukushima, the capital city of the northeastern prefecture that hosts the stricken power plant at the center of the nuclear crisis.

It is the first time ever that the Japan Congress against A- and H-Bombs, or Gensuikin, has held its annual antinuclear campaign in Fukushima.

About 850 people from across Japan and abroad participated in the event, held before the 66th anniversaries of the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima on Aug. 6 and Nagasaki on Aug. 9.

Gensuikin adopted a statement committing itself to continued efforts toward the abolition of nuclear plants, noting that concerns are growing over radiation contamination caused by the accident at Tokyo Electric Power Co.'s <9501> Fukushima No. 1 plant.

Koichi Kawano, head of Gensuikin, said, « The Fukushima disaster should be the last nuclear accident. Let's chant 'No more Fukushima.' »

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## **Fukushima residents join antinuclear group's summer campaign**

FUKUSHIMA (Kyodo) — Fukushima residents joined the chorus calling for the elimination of nuclear power as one of Japan's leading antinuclear groups on Sunday kicked off its nationwide summer campaign in the city of Fukushima, located around 50 kilometers from the crisis-hit Fukushima Daiichi power plant.

It was the first time for the Japan Congress Against A- and H-Bombs to start its annual campaign in the city since its founding in 1965, ahead of the anniversaries of the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, as it sought to press its case for the scrapping of nuclear power this year.

Koichi Kawano, a Nagasaki atomic-bomb survivor who heads the organizing group, told more than 800 participants at the opening event in a hotel, « We have opposed nuclear weapons and nuclear power plants under the slogan 'Human beings and atomic power cannot coexist.' But we have to admit our responsibility for causing the accident. We failed to make enough efforts to prevent it. »

Koshiro Ishimaru from the town of Tomioka, which hosts some of Tokyo Electric Power Co.'s nuclear reactors, said, « There is nothing more irrational, unreasonable than nuclear power plants. It also creates unfairness among the generations. »

Ishimaru, who has been active in opposing nuclear plants for over 40 years, also said he is determined to work so that the call for the elimination of nuclear plants reaches people outside Fukushima.

Anton Vdovichenko, a survivor of the 1986 Chernobyl disaster, was among the participants in the meeting calling for solidarity with people affected by the nuclear crisis in Fukushima. Matashichi Oishi, a former crew member of the Japanese trawler Fukuryu Maru No. 5, which was exposed to radiation from a U.S. hydrogen bomb test at Bikini Atoll in 1954, and Eiji Okumura, an atomic-bomb survivor from Nagasaki, also attended the event.

Prior to the ceremony, more than 1,500 people, including those affected by the crisis at the Fukushima plant triggered by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, mounted an outdoor rally in the city and called for early containment of the accident.

Noriko Matsumoto, 49, mother of two girls from the city of Koriyama in the prefecture, said, « I wouldn't have come here if this disaster had not happened. I didn't even know there were 10 nuclear reactors in the prefecture and I believed that nuclear power was a clean energy source. »

« Since the disaster, one of my daughters has had nosebleeds and says her stomach is upset, so I decided to make her stay at my sister's house in Tokyo. We were forced to evacuate on our own, without any compensation. TEPCO is not thinking about us. »

Kenta Sato, from the village of Iitate, near the plant, said, « We were exposed to radiation without choice. And the only thing we know now about such radiation is that there is no certainty about its risks to human health. »

Hiromasa Yoshida, 45, a teacher from the no-go zone in the town of Namie, said, « My students have suffered psychological shock. They ask me what we can do to improve the situation, but I have no answer even though I have been a teacher for many years. »

The group will hold similar events in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in early August to coincide the 66th anniversaries of the U.S. atomic-bombings of the cities.

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