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Fukushima Women's Protest Sit-In in Front of METI, Kasumigaseki, Tokyo

The Fukushima 100: Women Take a Stand Against Nuclear Energy Policy

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More than 100 women of Fukushima have made the decision to end their silence and take a stand against current Japanese energy policy. The Fukushima 100 state, "We will go to Kasumigaseki, Tokyo and sit-in in front of Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry to protest the government's energy policy and demand a move toward safe, renewable energy programs for Japan. This is our responsibility as residents of the prefecture where Fukushima Daiichi is sited, and our right as victims of the nuclear accident."

Sit-In:

Dates: Wednesday, October 27th through Saturday, October 29th

Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily

Place: In front of Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)

Address: 1-3-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8901, Japan

Daily Press Conferences:

A press conference with the "The Fukushima 100: Women Choosing Life Without Nuclear Power" is scheduled everyday in front of METI at 10:30 a.m. for 30 minutes. The Fukushima 100 look forward to speaking with reporters about Fukushima and their goals for this movement. Please come and witness what the women of Fukushima will achieve.

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"The Fukushima 100" movement has earned empathy from women across the nation. Women who support "The Fukushima 100" have organized a follow-up sit-in in front of METI from October 30th to November 5th, 2011. Please find information at:

http://d.hatena.ne.jp/onna_suwarikomi/

About us:

“The Fukushima 100: Women Choosing Life Without Nuclear Power”

The life of women who live in Fukushima prefecture, Japan changed forever on March 11th, 2011. Today, we live under the constant fear of radiation.

After March 11th Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant accident, there was an expectation that the Japanese government would change its energy policy.

We had believed that this disastrous accident would lead our government to shut down existing nuclear power plants and halt ongoing plans to invest in nuclear energy. We believed that our dependence upon nuclear energy would become a thing of the past, and that the Japanese government would focus on developing safer renewable energy sources.

However, even though national polls show more than 80 percent of Japanese citizens support a non-nuclear energy policy, Japanese politicians continue to push forward the nuclear energy agenda with the message to restart reactors in Japan.

The Fukushima Daiichi Plant accident proves that there is no such thing as a safe nuclear reactor. **The women of Fukushima have made the decision to end our silence and take a stand against current Japanese energy policy.**

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