

## **The Tents in front of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry**

**-- helped the Fukushima people speak out their soul and heart--**

**The tents should not be dismantled.** We strongly object the pending court enforcement of removal of tents on February 26th. Tokyo District Court notified us the scheduled judgment of Thursday, February 26th while ignoring our special appeal for challenge to the judge. The court has neither listened to the voice of the Fukushima people who suffered, nor examined the evidences. The court is going to take down the tents, in compliance with the wish of the Abe Administration.

521 days have passed since all the nuclear power plants stopped in Japan while the planned restart of the two nuclear power plants have been delayed at Sendai as well as Takahama. Widely spread anti-nuclear energy movements and public opinions worldwide are holding back the hasty re-start of the nuclear power plants after the Fukushima disaster.

The Abe Administration continues to lie about the safety of the nuclear power to the international society. However, the troubles at Fukushima Daiichi plant do not stop nor are they under control in any way. Radioactive materials keep leaking and increasing number of children are having thyroid cancer (118 cases found).

In Fukushima, residents began to speak up louder " We can not take it any more" or "We simply cannot stand it."

We should not allow the dismantlement of the tents at METI, which have been helpful delivering the up-to-date information on the development in the lives of Fukushima people. The court of justice must not follow the policies of the Government in the business interest of restarting and exporting nuclear power plants.

## **Let's deliver the voice of protest to the Government of Japan and the Tokyo**

**District Court.** The tents have been here for 1267 days in front of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. They have produced many non-violent protest activities supported by Japanese and international citizens who oppose the nuclear energy.

They should not force through judgment and tent removal on 26th February.

What Tokyo District Court should do is to resume oral proceedings.

Friends and colleagues in Fukushima! Speak up and demand that the court should resume oral proceedings, listen to the voice of Fukushima people instead of dismantling the tents.

## **Scheduled actions on February 26**

12:30 Gathering in front of the METI tents

13:30 Protest rally in front of the Tokyo District Court → line up for lottery tickets of gallery seats for court participation.

14:30 Start of the court session.

15:30 Protest rally in front of the Tokyo district court

16:00 to 18:00 Meeting to report the outcome of the court session (House of Councilor's Office Building auditorium)

## **Request for support**

(1) Please send your group's protest resolution addressed to Tokyo District Court and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. Send us support resolutions addressed to the METI tents. Please participate in our meetings on the 26th of February.

(2) Reach out to all the democratic movements, activists' groups to spread the voice of no forced dismantlement of tents.

(3) We will never yield to oppression. We are determined to continue our struggle by no-violence and disobedience. Your continued support would be appreciated.

**Provisional schedule**

(1) We will have a press interview at 2:00 pm on Mon., February 23 in front of the tents.

From Tent Agora in Front of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

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