



## Let's Raise Our Voices to Stop Nuclear Plant Exports and Imports Around the World!

<<First deadline: December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011>>

The force to expand the global nuclear power market never cease, despite the continuing severe condition of the Tokyo Electricity Power Company's damaged nuclear plants in Fukushima, Japan, since March 2011. YWCA of Japan invites global community to join us to send your voices to the governments to stop exports and imports of nuclear power plant that endanger community life.

*We invite you to join us to stop Japan-Viet Nam export and import of nuke plants today.*

### <How to send your voice>

Download or copy the letter sample, sign your name, and fax, post-mail, or email it to the addresses below. You are welcome to write a message in your own words.

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**Letter demanding retraction of agreement on nuclear power plant export and import and on sending and inviting Vietnamese people on Japan's Trainee Visa to work for nuclear industry**

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, we witnessed the announcement made by Japan and Viet Nam to confirm the agreement between the two countries to cooperate on nuclear power plant export from Japan and import to Viet Nam. This agreement is indeed making light of FUKUSHIMA experience, and we cannot accept such a decision which has a great potential to devastate Vietnamese people's peaceful life in the future.

The Atomic Energy Agreement between Japan and Viet Nam includes storage, transportation, handling, and disposal of radioactive waste as one field to cooperate. However, this agreement clearly has no relevancy as there is no solution in the world to safely handle nuclear waste. In fact, Japan has not found any solution to safely handle the accumulating radioactive waste from the still leaking Tokyo Electricity Power Company (TEPCO)'s damaged Fukushima Plant and the spent nuclear fuel from the rest of nearly 50 plants across Japan.

It is also important to point out the issue of "manpower training" included in the agreement. A news source reported in July 2011 that Japan had a plan to invite 1,000 Vietnamese people annually (total of 6,000) on Trainee Visa through the International Manpower Development Organization, Japan (Public Interest Foundation, IM Japan) for the job training program specialized in the field of nuclear business. The training program was planned to be run by collaboration with Japanese electric energy industries and would include plant operation and repair on actual nuclear plant site. Together with the issue of Trainee Visa being used as a cover for inexpensive labour from abroad, we are suspicious that Japan may put people from Viet Nam to work in the damaged TEPCO plants in Fukushima. Such decision and action taken by the national government are violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as well as the Japanese Constitution which states the rights to live in peace for all peoples regardless of nationality.

Another fact is that the "Factsheet on earthquakes and tsunamis in Viet Nam" issued by UN-Viet Nam on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011, warning a possibility of tsunami in the central coast from

Đông Hà (Quảng Trị) to Phan Rang (Ninh Thuận) caused by earthquakes along the Manila fault, which is an frequently occurred earthquake zone stretching about 1,000 km (620 miles) long. Ninh Thuận is the area where Japanese cartel will build two plants upon this nuclear agreement. Recent powerful typhoons are another risk that Viet Nam must cope with. In addition, Ninh Thuận is only 200 km (120 miles) away from Cambodia and Ha Tinh, one of other sites proposed for building a plant, is less than 100 km (62 miles) from Laos. Once an accident occurs, it is impossible to stop radioactive contamination expanding beyond the national borders. These evidences explain enough that exporting and importing nuclear power plants do not make any sense.

Government of Viet Nam's lack of accountability towards its national population, especially towards residents of the proposed sites, is another issue. Plans of reclamation work in the coast by the Electricity of Vietnam, removal of the residents, and most importantly, danger and risk of radiation have not been disclosed enough. Ninh Thuận is a small rural community blessed with natural resources. Japanese rural communities with nuclear power plants, of course including Fukushima, have been tossed about by the national policy putting super priority on business, economy, science and technology that are based upon sacrifice of community life and value. There is no need for the communities in Viet Nam to experience such hardship. A beautiful community life never can recover once it is destroyed by nuclear plant installation.

**We, as global citizens, demand the government of Japan and Viet Nam the following;**

- To the Government of Japan; do not to approve the Atomic Energy Agreement between Japan and Viet Nam at the Diet, and both Japanese and Vietnamese Government must immediately retract the Agreement.
- Learn lessons from the FUKUSHIMA experience and do not export and import nuclear power plants.
- Do not invite and send Vietnamese people to “be trained” in the nuclear power industries via Japan’s Trainee Visa.
- Put much effort to small scale renewable energy development that can coexists with rural community.

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