

I am a pediatrician working for Kyoto Federation of Democratic Medical Institutions, which is called Kyoto Min-Iren for Japanese abbreviation. Min-Iren is a nationwide organization in which staffs are providing medical care characterized by its quality and the kindness as well as joining hands with patients in struggling for the establishment of a comprehensive social security system .Furthermore, MIN-IREN has taken initiatives in the campaign calling for the abolition of nuclear weapons. Together with international NGOs, like the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), MIN-IREN has exerted itself to make the 21st century a peaceful world free from nuclear weapons. This spring we made efforts to collect signatures against nuclear power from 50,000 people aiming for NPT review conference. Bringing along them, 5 members, including a physician and nurses, went to New York. This August, 66 staffs, many of whom are younger members of our organization, went to Hiroshima, to attend 2010 world conference against A & H bombs, and communicated with a lot of friends including those from foreign countries.

I know IPPNW are seeking after an elimination of biological and chemical weapons as well as nuclear weapons. I've been to southern or northern Vietnam every year since 1995. I've had medical check-up of the handicapped children with congenital anomalies and taught rehabilitation skills to the local staff. I've met children with various kinds of anomalies. Some had polydactily, some cleft lip and palate....,Almost of them received neither therapies nor educations. Surprisingly enough, even now many babies with serious congenital anomalies are born at Tu-Du hospital which is the largest maternity hospital in southern Vietnam. In that hospital, there are many samples of stillborn infants and babies who died shortly after birth preserved in formalin. Most of all, what draws attention of many visitors is the many samples of anencephaly babies and ones having rupture of abdominal wall.

You know many infants of anencephaly have been born in Iraq since several years after Gulf-War. In Hiroshima, a midwife deposed several years after A bombing as below, "I had seen many with cleft lip or polydactily, those whose abdominal wall were ruptured and guts prolapsed, and infants of anencephalies....." I wonder what these facts indicate. Probably whether depleted uranium, A bomb, or Dioxin, an exposure to harmful substances at a critical period gives an irreparable damage to a fetus, to make a congenital anomaly.

I will inform the public of dioxin-induced serious damages. Of course I will campaign for the elimination of nuclear weapons cooperatively with all of you.

(If possible I want to make my presentation using Power point)

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