

Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant Lawsuit

"Nariwai kaese, chiiki o kaese!" (Restore our livelihoods! Return our homes!)

Petition seeking a just court decision

To the
Fukushima District Court
Presiding Judge Hideki Kanazawa
Judge Yasuo Nishimura
Judge Shigeki Taya

The nuclear disaster at the "Fukushima Reactor No. 1" of the Tokyo Electric Power Company (Tepco) has been an incident without historical precedent. Concerned citizens are submitting the lawsuit "*Nariwai kaese, chiiki o kaese!*" (Restore our livelihoods! Return our homes!) to the court with the aim of holding the State of Japan and Tepco liable for this disaster and requiring them to provide aid and redress for the claimants. In this once-in-a-century court case, our whole civilizational attitude towards nuclear disaster is at stake. The claimants have pushed ahead with this legal case with the goal of obtaining relief for all victims of this disaster and ensuring that the same errors will never be repeated again in the future. We are convinced that the court decision will become a world turning point and benchmark regarding such accidents. Hence we earnestly hope that the court of justice responds in proportion to the great burden which this disaster has imposed on the people of Japan and renders a fair judgement.

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Our plea

The Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant Lawsuit "*Nariwai kaese, chiiki o kaese!*" (Restore livelihoods, return our homes!) focuses on three demands: the restitution of livelihoods, relief for the victims of the nuclear disaster, and the abolition of nuclear energy.

The situation

The nuclear disaster at the "Fukushima Nuclear Reactor No. 1" of the Tokyo Electric Power Company (Tepco) which occurred March 11, 2011 has been an unprecedented catastrophe in human history, one whose long-term damage is not even foreseeable. Because of the contamination of climate, ocean and food, the Tepco Nuclear Disaster will have global consequences extending far into the future, impacting innumerable people and living beings worldwide for generations. However, as of this date, four years after the event, the Japanese State and Tepco have still not yet assumed full responsibility for the damage. Instead they have pursued a politics of denial and even undertaken to restart nuclear power plants which had been closed.

What kind of legal proceedings are being pursued?

The lawsuit regarding the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant "*Nariwai kaese, chiiki o kaese!*" is a class-action proceeding involving about 4,000 claimants, who are suing the State of Japan and Tepco in court with three main demands: that these institutions take responsibility for the crisis, restore the original living conditions of the claimants, and provide proper compensation for the damages caused. Since the beginning of the trial, more than twenty sessions of court hearings have taken place. On-site inspections directed by the court of justice for the sake of securing evidence have been made in both the affected coastal region and the interior, and experts and many plaintiffs have given testimonies. The final court decision is expected to be pronounced October 10, 2017.

What is the purpose of this court case?

The claimants aim for the restitution of their original living and working conditions, relief for all victims, and the abolition of nuclear energy. In order to achieve these goals, an official verdict has to be rendered in the Japanese justice system which definitively identifies the responsibility of the State of Japan and Tepco for the nuclear disaster and which conclusively orders effective relief for the victims. To attain this verdict, it is necessary to show the court that global public interest in a fair and independent judgement is massive and widespread. Thus we ask that you contribute your signature, especially for the sake of strengthening the court's position as it moves to deliver its decision without bias.

Signatories:

The group of plaintiffs and lawyers participating in the lawsuit regarding the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant.

Chairperson: Takashi Nakajime (Soma City)