

A CALL TO THE WOMEN OF JAPAN AND THE WORLD:

# Follow in the footsteps of Fukushima's Women: Say "No!" to Nuclear Power.

## TAKE A STAND. SIT IN PROTEST WITH WOMEN ACROSS JAPAN.

**sit-in, october 30 – november 5**

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

September 22: As Prime Minister Noda declared he would "raise Japan's safety of nuclear power generation to the highest level in the world" at the U.N. meeting on nuclear safety in New York, women demonstrated outside the United Nations protesting, "How dare you talk about nuclear safety when you cannot even protect the children of Fukushima! Do not let the suffering of Fukushima's people go to waste. Stop the world's nuclear power plants!" On the flight home, we said to each other, "We should follow in the footsteps of the Fukushima women and gather women from across the nation to stage a sit-in!"

Even though the Fukushima accident is ongoing and high levels of radiation are found in Fukushima, on September 30th the Japanese government lifted evacuation orders in the Emergency Evacuation Preparation Zone. Fukushima women have rallied, saying, "We shall not abandon children in this war zone drenched in invisible radiation! We will no longer

### Sit-in

Join the protest:

#### Where

METI, Tokyo Place  
1-3-1 Kasumigaseki  
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo  
One-minute walk from  
Kasumigaseki Station (Exit  
A12a), Tokyo Metro

#### When

october 30 – november 5  
9am – 6pm

Please come when you can,  
for lunchtime, after work, for  
a day, for a week!

You are welcome to just visit  
us and chat with us.

### Support us

We are asking for  
international messages of  
support.

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tolerate nuclear power!" We have heard their call and we too, have decided to take a stand.

- Support all children's right to evacuate! \*
- Stop the restart of nuclear power plants across Japan and let us live in security .

We are gathering fellow supporters :

- Do not forget rain/cold protection as well as something to sit on.
- We also welcome those who can contribute their spirit of solidarity to the cause or those wishing to donate for participant transportation fees.

### **Donations welcome:**

#### **Via bank:**

Account name: Shut Tomari

Please mark all donations to: "Women's Sit-In" ("Onna Suwarikomi")

\*Japan Post Bank, postal transfer account:  
02720-5-79991

\*Japan Post Bank, regular savings deposit:  
account number 19050 15998721  
(From other banks send to account number:  
908-908-1599872)

#### **Via PayPal:**

<http://www.greenaction-japan.org/modules/xdonations/>

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\*On October 3rd, a citizens-group study of 130 Fukushima children, a follow-up of an initial study conducted this past summer, found 10 children (7.7%) with signs of change in their thyroid functions requiring additional follow-up.

For information on 27-29th Sep sit-in organized by Fukushima Women, please visit <http://onna100nin.seesaa.net/>

### **Women calling for the sit-in** (to date: October 11th)

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