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Daigo Fukuryu Maru



第五福竜丸 (展示館にて撮影)

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Shunkotsu Maru

海洋汚染を調査した俊鶻丸

A research vessel to investigate contamination in the Pacific Ocean





Political settlement between Japan and the U.S. (1954)

1954年12月末 日米政治決着によって すべて終わったことに されてしまった

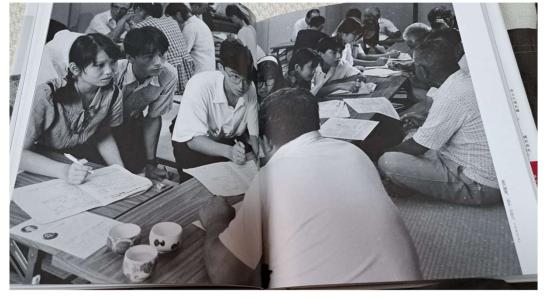
December 1954

The U.S. and Japan settled the matter and concluded that nothing had happened to those affected.



Investigations by Hakata High School students

1983年〜 被災船員たちの聞き取り調査をする 幡多高校生ゼミナールの生徒たち



From 1983, local high school students started collecting testimonies of affected crew members.



藤井節弥さん 長崎の原爆で被ばくし 太平洋の核実験でも被ばく 病気になり27才で入水自殺

Mr. Setsuya Fujii, a survivor of the Nagasaki bombing, became ill after being affected by radioactive fallout in the Pacific. He took his own life at the age of 27.



谷脇正康さん 室戸水産高校3年生 1954年5月実習船で 雨にぬれ被ばく 12月、20才で死亡

Mr. Masayasu Taniwaki, a high school senior, was exposed to radioactive rain in May 1954. He became ill and passed away in December. He was 20 years old.

Mr. Kazuma Masumoto

1954年核被災18才

1955年19才:体が非常にだるい 健康診断異常なし(血液検査はなし)

22才リウマチ

33才全身に発疹

36才 胃潰瘍、十二指腸潰瘍

37才 椎間板ヘルニア

57才 白血球增多

58才 前立腺肥大

62才 大腸ポリープ除去

64才 前立腺がん

65才 憩室炎

71才 狭心症

74才 尿道狭窄

78才 白内障

81才 慢性閉塞性肺疾患

83才 肝門部胆管癌

急性心筋梗塞疑い

12月5日死亡



国賠訴訟原告団長, 故 増本和馬さん 次々と病気になる The late Mr. Kazuma Masumoto was the chief plaintiff of a lawsuit against Japan, seeking compensation. He had many health issues.

1954 (age 18): affected by a nuclear test

(age 19): extreme fatigue, medical exam came

back normal (no blood test)

(age 22): arthritis

(age 33): full-body rashes

(age 36): gastric ulcer, duodenal ulcer

(age 37): herniated disc

(age 57): leukocytosis

(age 58): prostate enlargement

(age 62): polypectomy

(age 64): prostate cancer

(age 65): diverticulitis

(age 71): angina pectoris

(age 74): urethral stricture

(age 78): cataract

(age 81): chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

(age 83): hilar cholangiocarcinoma and suspected

of an acute myocardial infarction

Hiroshima Univ. Scientists found chromosome aberrations



2014年 被ばく船員の血液検査・ 染色体異常



2014年8月8日 高知新聞 被ばくした船員から 提供された「歯」で 被ばく線量の推定



2018年1月11日 広島大・星名誉教授 2013年~

広島大研究チームが 船員の歯や血液で被ばく 線量を推定

2013: A scientific team at Hiroshima University estimated radiation exposure doses of affected crew members from their teeth and blood samples.

(Dr. Kimio Tanaka, Dr. Megu Otaki, and Dr. Masaharu Hoshi)

References: Chromosome aberrations in Japanese fishermen exposed to fallout radiation 420-1200 km distant from the nuclear explosion test site at Bikini Atoll: report 60 years after the incident

Lawsuits against Japan for compensation



2016年

2月 船員保険請求申請

5月 国賠訴訟

February 2016 Crew members and families filed claims to seek workers' compensation

May 2016
They filed lawsuits against Japan

Internal Radiation Exposure



体内被ばく

放射性降下物で汚染した雨にぬれ 汚染した海水で米を洗い 汚染した魚の内臓も食べる

放射性物質が細胞の近くで放射線を 出し続ける

Internal Radiation Exposure

Crew members were exposed to radioactively contaminated rain, washed rice with contaminated water, and ate fish organs that were also contaminated with radioactivity.

Radioactive material kept releasing radioactivity near cells.

Meeting Kathy and Mina, Rongelap survivors



2024年2月29日

ホテルの横でロンゲラップの女性 キャシーさん(75才)とミナさん(71 才)と対談。

「母が、頭蓋骨がなく、手足の短い 赤ちゃんを産んだ」

「米国は自分たちを人間と思ってい ない。低く見ている。馬鹿者扱い。人 生を狂わされた。安全に暮らせるよう にして欲しい」

February 29, 2024

Met with Kathy (75) and Mina (71) in Majuro, the Marshall Islands. "My mother delivered a baby with short limbs without a skull." "The U.S. doesn't think of us as human beings. They treated us like idiots. My life was derailed. I want to be able to live safely."

The award of the Nobel Peace Prize gives us hope

被団協のノーベル平和賞受賞は大きな励ましです

2024年12月10日 ノーベル平和賞授賞式inノルウェー首都オスロ



Messages to the Japanese government

- ◎ 自国民の被ばくを認め、早急に「核禁条約」を批准してください。
- ◎ これ以上被ばく者をふやさないでください。
- ◎ 被ばく国として、核の加害国であるアメリカに対しても「核禁条約の参加」を呼び掛けて「第6条・被害者に対する援助及び環境の修復」を求めて下さい。
- **Recognize nuclear victims and swiftly ratify the TPNW.**
- O Do not create any more hibakusha or nuclear victims.
- **○** As a country impacted by atomic bombs and radioactivity, call on the U.S., a nuclear perpetrator, to join the TPNW and call for victim assistance and environmental remediation under Article 6.

Lawsuits and our next steps



「ビキニ被ばく船員訴訟」

放射性物質による 内部被ばくを 日本政府に認めさせる。

そして、

広島・長崎の黒い雨訴訟や福島 原発事故をはじめ

世界中の被ばく者と連帯する 意義のある裁判だと確信

We call on Japan to recognize the health impacts of internal radiation exposure.

Our lawsuits will have significance in that it will stand in solidarity with black rain victims in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, people impacted by the nuclear disaster in Fukushima, and other nuclear victims around the world.

Testimonies of fishers impacted by nuclear testing in the Pacific

Messages from crew members of Japanese fishing boats affected by nuclear testing in the Pacific





A Message from Ms. Setsuko Shimomoto

The following was recorded in December 2021.



