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Taking Nuclear to Court in Japan & Korea On the Dangers of Nuclear Power & Compensation for Cancer

(Petaluma 6/11/15) Sonoma County residents are invited to a FREE public event on Friday, July 17, 2015, to learn about current legal efforts in Japan and Korea to hold the nuclear power industry responsible for social and health impacts of the Fukushima Dai-ichi disaster and ongoing operation of other nuclear power plants. **“Taking Nuclear to Court in Japan & Korea”** starts at 6:30pm at the Cross & Crown Luthern Church, 5475 Snyder Lane in Rohnert Park, California. This important informational presentation is sponsored by FUKUSHIMA RESPONSE, Project Censored, Ecological Options Network and the Sonoma County Peace & Justice Center. Guest speakers from Japan and Korea include: **Lee Jin Seop, Choi Seungkoo** and **Rev. Deasoo Lee**.

In October of 2014, a South Korean court ruled in favor of a claim by Park Geum-sun, that her thyroid cancer was caused by radiation from six nuclear power plants located 7.7 kilometers from her home. In their determination that radiation from an operating nuclear power plant is directly related to increased incidence of thyroid cancer in nearby communities, these judges have set a critical legal precedent. Husband of the successful plaintiff, **Lee Jin Seop** will talk about his wife’s case and other lawsuits that have been filed, also seeking to establish judicial accountability for the dangers of nuclear power, and compensation for the cancers it can cause.

For instance, **Choi Seungkoo** is the Secretary General of No Nukes Asia Action (NNA), a Japanese nonprofit organization that recently filed the Reactor Suppliers Lawsuit to hold companies that profited from Fukushima’s nuclear operations responsible for the continuing nuclear disaster (GE, Hitachi, Toshiba). He has organized this delegation’s visit to the U.S. to inform us, and urge support for his international class action suit, because the ongoing radioactive contamination coming from the still unresolved Fukushima disaster affects not only those in Japan and Korea but all other nations bordering the Pacific Ocean as well.

Lee Jin Seop and Choi Seungkoo will be joined and introduced by **Rev. Deasoo Lee** who has lectured on the dangers of nuclear power at the Shinano-machi Church in Tokyo, which is where the Reactor Suppliers Lawsuit was launched at a press conference in November, 2012. As Mr. Seungkoo explains: “I belong to the protestant church and 30% of the key members of NNA are Christians. We are a group of citizens wishing to live in a world free from nukes, both weapons and nuclear power. As for today, we have almost 4000 plaintiffs of the lawsuit from Japan, Mongolia, South Korea, Taiwan, Russia, the US, Canada, Malaysia, etc.”

The public is enthusiastically invited to this exceptional opportunity to meet three Asian visitors who have personally confronted the risks of living near a Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) that is either dangerously out of control or even in so-called ‘normal’ operation. Join us for a greater understanding of the potential legal remedies available to concerned citizens as we in California confront the equally unnecessary and unacceptable risks attached to our own NPPs.

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Link to more on the successful Korean Lawsuit - <https://lucian.uchicago.edu/blogs/atomicage/2014/10/21/south-korean-court-ruling-could-spur-nuclear-power-plant-suits-via-the-wall-street-journal/>

Link to more on the class action Reactor Suppliers Lawsuit - <http://bulatlat.com/main/2014/01/10/international-lawsuit-vs-fukushima-nuke-makers-suppliers-being-readied/>