

## Fukushima Collaborative Clinic Holds Public Meeting

September 24, 2013

Doro-Chiba International Labor Solidarity Committee

To workers and citizens all over the world,

Thanks to the tremendous support and valuable donations from all over the world, we have successfully achieved the opening of [Fukushima Collaborative Clinic](#) on December 1, 2012, after a year of hard efforts.

On September 8, we held a meeting to report the nine-month progress of practice since the opening. Despite various attacks and pressures from prefecture, government and others, a lot of people gathered from all over the country including the people in Fukushima.

The following is the report of Hiroto Matsue, the director of Fukushima Collaborative Clinic (a former doctor of National Cancer Center), entitled, "Thyroid ultrasound examination tells us serious facts". During nine months, six doctors provided medical care for about 600 people. In the thyroid testing, conducted from December 2012 to April 2013 for children of 18 and under, we've got the results that over 52 percent of 252 children were found to have thyroid abnormalities.



Doctor Hiroto Matsue's speech

Also the speech entitled "Health problems stemming from the nuclear accident"

was given by Hisako Sakiyama (a former chief fellow of Research Institute for Radiology). She was the member of the [Fukushima Nuclear Accident Independent Investigation Commission](#) of the Diet and was actively engaged in editing the report, which exposed "The health effects of low dose radiation exposure".

On September 7, during the presentation for the Japanese Olympic bid at the general meeting of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) held in Buenos Aires, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe blatantly lied about the disaster of Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant as if nothing serious had happened. This means that he declared to the world the government has decided to abandon Fukushima.



Doctor Hisako Sakiyama answers questions from the audience after her presentation.

"Tokyo is one of the safest cities in the world." "The situation of Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant is under control." "The contaminated water has been completely blocked." "There are no health-related problems until now, nor will there be in the future."

We are absolutely furious at his every word. The people of Fukushima have erupted in anger. The protest actions are held nearly every day before the Diet building and the prime minister's office.

In spite of their desperate attempt to restart nuclear power plants, the Abe administration and the electric power capitals are not able to continue operating nuclear power

plants. All of the plants in Japan are now stopped.

The government is contriving all evacuees to go back to their contaminated hometown. We face up to the issue and confront the government's scheme to force Fukushima people to be exposed to radiation. The aim of the government is to forge up a story that the Fukushima nuclear accident never happened. We share a strong anger with Fukushima people and are firmly resolved to organize a struggle to refuse radiation-exposed works in our work places.

The Fukushima Collaborative Clinic is currently opened as a temporary hospital at a rental building. We strive to establish a full-fledged regional comprehensive medical care center that provides not only medical treatment but also consultations and studies.

We will feel grateful if you would warmly follow the development of our clinic and give us your continued support. Thank you.

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## Thyroid Ultrasound Examination Tells Us Serious Facts

Hiroto Matsue, Director of Fukushima Collaborative Clinic

Just now we've received disgusting news that the next Olympic Games in 2020 will take place in Japan. I doubt if they seriously believe Japan is a safe place to live. I'd like to propose, taking this opportunity for our purpose, to be engaged in activities of sending out an alarming appeal to the whole world from now on till 2020 that how Japanese people have been suffering from terrible effects and influences of the radiation exposure since the Fukushima nuclear plants disaster in 2011.

Our Fukushima Collaborative Clinic is opened on December 1 last year and has already been operating for about nine months. About 600 patients visited us. 6 doctors are working there as a cooperating team. We are very proud of these six experts engaged in the field working together in a clinic. So, please don't hesitate to come to us for examination and/or for consultation.

The fact is 90% of our visitors are children who are seriously concerned about the threat of thyroid cancer.

We have found ourselves being confronted with extraordinary fact that about half of the examined children are with abnormality in thyroid. In 43 cases out of 121 examined children, numerous miniscule cysts (filled with water and no cancer) were detected while in the normal cases of adults only one or two out of hundred examined patients are found to have two or three clear cysts of 1 to 2 cm in diameter. Contrary to these ordinary examples, 36% of thyroid examination of children in Fukushima shows such abnormality.

I've no such extraordinary experiences as an expert of ultrasonographic diagnosis in actual practice or in studying reports on patients. High figures indicate abnormality. We are obliged to assume that something happened to hurt the whole structure of thyroid of the patients and to produce such exceptionally numerous miniscule cysts. No other cause is possible than the influence of radiation. It is absolutely necessary to continue for decades examination of children with the abnormal thyroid like honeycomb.

### The Results of Ultrasound Examination of Thyroid by the Fukushima Collaborative Clinic

The number of examinations for minors of 18 years old or younger is 252 from December 2012 to April 2013.

No disorder detected: 121 cases (48% of total)
Remarkable cases: 131 cases (52% of total)
Nodule: 3 cases
Cysts: 121 cases
Numerous miniscule cysts: 43 cases
(out of the whole examination: 17%)
(out of the whole detected cysts: 36%)
Nonuniform Structure: 7 cases

Fukushima Collaborative Clinic usually takes at least 10 or 15 minutes for the examination of patients. The examination conducted by prefectural hospitals, however, spent only 2 or 3 minutes according to the mothers who experienced those examinations. It needs 10 minutes or more to take pictures and record the results of examination for further diagnose as proof. The official medical institutions have apparently no intention of serious examination of the patients without any

substantial record or photos. They never respond to the demand of the patients to show them the pictures of the examination. This is their way of treating concerned people of Fukushima.

The ultrasound examination conducted by Fukushima Medical University used their own “Diagnostic Criteria”\*: “A” means “no abnormality”; “B” indicates “suspect”; “C” stands for “highly suspect”. According to these official criteria, nodule smaller than 5 millimeter or cyst smaller than 2 centimeter is classified as “A2”, which means “no disorder”. As an expert of ultrasound examination, I must point out that I’ve never known such an unreliable standard for other field of cancer checks.

The smallest case of the thyroid cancer, one of the 18 cases of abnormality, is as big as 5.2 millimeter. The official standard says, however, nodule of 4.9 millimeter is totally to be ignored. It means that large number of the examined minors with cancer smaller than 5 millimeter is left unattended in a dangerous situation in Fukushima.

Secondary screening of blood and urine conducted by Fukushima Medical University is meaningless. It needs a biopsy for cytodiagnosis, the harvest of cell and examination of tissue.

We, clinic staffs, at the present engage exclusively in child case. But in future, we will treat also adult health problem. As we would like to do our best, we hope you continue to support us.

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\*Diagnostic Criteria of Fukushima Medical University

A1: No nodule or Cyst
A2: Nodule of 5.0mm and under or Cyst of 20.0mm and under
B: Nodule of 5.1mm and over or Cyst of 20.1mm and over
C: Requires immediate examination

(source: <http://www.fmu.ac.jp/radiationhealth/conference/presentation/day1/1109.pdf>)

Even by the criteria of Fukushima Medical University, thyroid cancer was already confirmed in 18 cases, and the suspected in 25 cases.

Shinichi Suzuki, Fukushima Medical University’s professor kept by the government, publicly and violently abused the concerned mothers of Fukushima on their children, and has been taking the initiative in abandoning Fukushima.

He said; “The increase of thyroid cancer in Chernobyl was reported to start four or five years after the accident. In Fukushima, however, it has started considerably earlier than in Chernobyl. Therefore I do not believe the most recent cases are related to the nuclear crisis.” “Thyroid cancer is well known to have a good prognosis, and its survival rate is high.”

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**For International Coordinated Action Against Nuclear Power and Unemployment!**

**Nov.3**



**Withdraw Dismissal of 1,047 National Railway Workers! Stop Outsourcing of Railway Jobs!**  
**Stop Abe’s Assaults on Workers—Constitutional Revision, TPP, Deregulation of Firing and Casualization of Jobs!**

**Build a Nationwide Network of Labor Unions Fighting Against Neoliberalism!**

**Sunday, November 3, noon**

**Hibiya Open-Air Stage, Tokyo**