

# Stop TEPCO!

**Global danger for mankind and the environment**

**With the undoubtedly largest nuclear disaster in the history of mankind, capitalistic barbarianism with its cynical alliance of media, politics and capital has reached a new level of contempt for mankind. In Fukushima, Japan, not only one, but several nuclear reactors exploded and are to this day still not under control. Radioactive radiation respects no boundaries and spreads around the globe. Months after the disaster, people throughout the world remain uninformed. The perpetrators of the catastrophe have not been held to account. The costs amounting to billions of dollars must be shouldered by the general public. All for the sake of maximum profits. TEPCO must be stopped!**

Katsunobu is a level-headed person. Like his fellow Japanese, he is polite and reserved. However, on March 18<sup>th</sup> the mayor of Minami Some, a city with 70 thousand inhabitants north of Fukushima, described the situation in unequivocal words: "They are leaving us here to die."

## **Pure Horror**

Even months after the devastating nuclear catastrophe in Fukushima, the public still does not know basic facts: How many victims were there? What are the real dangers? What about food? How does the radiation from Fukushima spread through the air, the ocean and the food chain to the rest of the world?

The accountable managers at TEPCO do everything in their power to keep the public in the dark and to mislead them. In a singular way they have also kept politicians and the media on a short leash. They have even withheld important information from governments.

What does reach the general public is sheer horror: The nuclear power plant in Fukushima was destroyed by an earthquake and a resulting tsunami. There were three partial core meltdowns. A large quantity of radioactive material was carried around



the globe by wind and ocean currents. People throughout the world are endangered by harmful substances in the food chain.

## **Catastrophe not over**

The catastrophe is not over. In November 2011 neutron radiation was measured several times on the Fukushima compound. This indicates that nuclear fission has started up again in a dangerous and uncontrolled way. The contamination there will last for centuries.

The responsible people at TEPCO are interested only in profits. To this end, in the past years safety regulations were violated time and time again, dangers such as earthquakes and tsunamis ignored, reports falsified and media coverage hindered.

Even during the course of the disaster, profit-making was more important than safety. For example, water from the ocean was not used to cool the reactors because the salt would have damaged the reactors, making them unsuitable for future use.

## **International ethecon Black Planet Award 2012**

In November 2011 ethecon – Foundation Ethics & Economics castigated the TEPCO executives responsible for the Fukushima nuclear catastrophe by bestowing them with the International ethecon Black Planet Award. They violate and injure human ethics, they destroy and ruin our Blue Planet.

ethecon also calls for due punishment of the perpetrators of the TEPCO-nuclear-disaster in Fukushima and that they be held liable for all damages.

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### Homeless used as "nuclear slaves"

Even preceding the catastrophe, TEPCO had been mercilessly exploiting human beings in the interest of profit-making: the homeless, beggars, petty criminals, immigrants and poor people were recruited to do the most dangerous tasks in nuclear power plants. Within a few decades, hundreds of these "nuclear slaves" died, thousands are afflicted with cancer. Today they still continue this despicable practice.

The nuclear disaster in Fukushima, the ruination of human health, large-scale environmental destruction and even the death of numerous people - responsible for all of these calamities are the TEPCO executives, especially chairman Tsunehisa Katsumata, former

president Masataka Shimizu and current president Toshio Nishizawa as well as the major shareholders. They present a danger not only to human rights and peace, but also to ecology, democracy and humanity as a whole. All this to advance personal power and private wealth.

### Stop TEPCO!

TEPCO must exit from nuclear energy and assume liability for all damages. Instead of nationalising TEPCO, the major shareholders must accept the responsibility and pay.

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