

“Peace of Article 9 for those who have a religion”

To make the Article 9 of the Constitution shine

-The Eighth Symposium and Peace Pilgrimage in Sendai-

An appeal

We who have a religion, gathered after a year and a half from the Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami in Sendai, a city which was afflicted by disaster, and held a symposium called “The eighth symposium and peace pilgrimage” with the desire to make the Article 9 of Constitution shine.

Through the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station accident, which was caused by the Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami, and resulted in the contamination of radioactive materials, we realized that nuclear station is a thing that “Threatens human’s existence, and ensnare the people with fear and want”.

We Japanese again experienced the misery of radiation harm succeeded by the experience of Hiroshima and Nagasaki’s atomic bombing. And now we strongly appeal for the renunciation of using Nuclear Power plants together with war and military forces which Article 9 of Constitution also greatly desires, which is a thing that robs the rights to live in peace of this nation and of the whole worlds.

“Peace” is to esteem what is called life. The society that valued economic power more than life, brought forth Nuclear Power Plant, and allowed to use them. The nuclear power resuming operations, and the exportation to other countries, which makes sacrifices of the weak and the poor, the movement for the change of constitution for maintaining military power, and the Okinawa Military Base Issue are all the same. We, who have a religion, deeply regret over living peacefully in this kind of society, and will strive to form a peaceful society which esteems life.

“Peace” is to esteem the life of all the people. There are many out there who are writhing in anguish and grief, in the society filled with contradiction and misery. We who have a religion will live and share the pain of all the workers working in

the nuclear power plant, and the people afflicted by the disaster of nuclear power plant accident / the victims of radiation, victims of its pollutions, and the inhabitants of Okinawa, who are suffering because of American Military Base. Furthermore, in order not to repeat the error of war, we will cast away all the hostility toward our neighboring countries, and will exert ourselves for the “International Peace” through friendship and understanding each other.

Article 9 of Constitution is a treasure of human kind. We who have a religion desires for the lives of all living human to be honored, so that they may be able to live in peace without any fear. We would like to spread this prayer of peace and make the Article 9 of the Constitution shine beyond all religion and denomination, together with the citizens of the whole world who wish for peace.

We call out from our hearts.

Let the people who have a religion join hands, and let us make the Article 9 of Constitution shine.

Let’s spread the desire to make the Article 9 of the Constitution shine in Japan, and in the whole world.

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All the participants with one heart