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Audit of accounting for the second half of 2018 was conducted on February 3, 2019 at Kyoto Museum for World Peace

On the 3rd of February 2019, a meeting for the financial report and accounting audit for the second half of fiscal year 2018 was held at Kyoto Museum for World Peace at Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan. Kazuyo Yamane (treasurer) and Hitomi Katayama (accounting specialist) made a presentation about the INMP's financial report for the second half of 2018 after the relocation of the office from The Hague to Kyoto. Then Manabu Anzai, INMP's audit, strictly checked bank deposit passbooks, cash, receipts etc, and acknowledged that financial activities were conducted properly and lawfully.

According to the Financial Report, revenue for the second half of 2018 after the relocation of our office from The Hague to Kyoto Museum for

World Peace was ¥ 862,681 (about 7500 €), while the expenditure was ¥ 240,377 (about 1930 €), hence the carryover to 2019 was ¥ 622,303 (about 5000 €).

We already proposed a tentative budget for 2019 in December 2018, but now it was modified based properly on the 2018 Financial Report, and a new budget proposal is currently being approved by the board of directors and advisory council.

Important elements of income are membership fee and donation, but also include a reward (¥ 100,000 = approx. 800€) for cooperation as INMP for the Korea Peace Tour planned by a Japanese travel company in May 2019. Kyoto Office enthusiastically hopes that members will send their membership fee for 2019 to the new PayPal account shown below.



Audit meeting on February 3, 2019 at Kyoto Museum for World Peace.

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We recently found that the PayPal account managed by The Hague Office has not been abolished yet, but **please be sure to use a new account** to pay the membership fee.

The 57th visit to Fukushima January 24th~26th, 2019

Fukushima Project Team organized by Anzai Science & Peace Office (ASAP) conducted the 57th Fukushima survey on January 24th - 26th, 2019 which was participated by Dr. Hidetsugu Katsuragawa (Honorary Professor of Toho University), Toshio Hayakawa (Free engineer) and me. The team visited two nursery schools in Fukushima city and discussed about the schedule of this year with farmers working on cultivation of perilla in Namie Town about 10 km away from the nuclear power plant that caused severe accident in 2011.



Environmental radiation survey along the walking path of nursery school children.

Sakura Minami Nursery School has been conducting inspection of radioactive contamination of food for lunch every day after the accident, but recently no detectable radioactivity has been observed at all. Our team talked with the director of nursery school, Ms. Atsuko Shiina, about the timing to stop inspecting radioactive contamination of food. Judging from the latest measurement results, there is no problem in quitting food inspection right away from the radiation protection point of view, but there still remains vague uneasiness among parents and caregivers about the abrupt suspension of food monitoring. Therefore, Anzai

proposed a method of “soft landing” aiming at the goal of entire discontinuation on March 11, 2021 which is the 10th anniversary of the accident. In the meantime, it is advisable, for example, to limit food samples to be analyzed to those that had once been contaminated in the past or to reduce the frequency of measurement.



Buddhist Monk Tokuo Hayakawa

On the second day of our visit to Fukushima, I had a chance to see Mr. Tokuo Hayakawa who is the chief Buddhist monk of Hokyoji Temple with 400 years of history since Muromachi Era. I have been working with Mr. Hayakawa on the opposition campaign against Fukushima nuclear power plant since 1973. We are now talking about the projects to build a monument in the precincts of the temple to convey our message to our descendants and to create an anti-nuclear power museum near it.



Cemetery of Hokyoji Temple

Hokyoji Temple is located 15km away from the nuclear power plant. Many people visit the temple to hear the lecture by Priest Hayakawa, anti-nuclear fighter of 78 years old.

Anzai takes the initiative of intellectuals' movement in Kyoto to demand the withdrawal of Abe Cabinet aiming to amend Article 9

On December 5, 2018, Anzai held a press conference at the press club of the Kyoto Prefectural Government Office on behalf of 14 intellectuals in Kyoto including Mr. Toshihide Masukawa, Nobel laureate physics prize winner, requiring resignation of Abe Cabinet aiming to amend the Article 9 of the Constitution of Japan.

It is widely known that the Constitution of Japan was promulgated in 1947 and renounced war by its globally famous Article 9.

Article 9.

Aspiring sincerely to an international peace based on justice and order, the Japanese people forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force as means of settling international disputes.

In order to accomplish the aim of the preceding paragraph, land, sea, and air forces, as well as other war potential, will never be maintained. The right of belligerency of the state will not be recognized.

Since its promulgation, the Constitution came to today without being changed in a single phrase, but the current Abe administration is about to change the Article 9. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is trying to destroy the spirit of Article 9 from the basics by writing a modern army named Self-Defence Force into Article 9.

In 2004, nine celebrities, including Nobel laureate writer Kenzaburo Oe and critic Shuichi Kato (who was the first director of Kyoto Museum for World Peace), launched "Article 9 Association", and now there are more than 7,000 regional branches throughout the country.

Criticism against the administration is now getting stricter because a number of scandalous cases concerning administrative permission procedures are occurring under the

recent Abe administration, in addition to the US military base problem in Okinawa and restarting and exporting nuclear power plants.

Anzai has also been criticizing the government about its nuclear policy. In the book titled "Let's Make Full Use of Nuclear Weapons Convention" (in Japanese) published in August 2018, I severely criticized the Abe administration about Japan's opposition to the Nuclear Weapons Convention while saying "Japan is the only A-bombed country".

The Kyoto Appeal Initiative is scheduled to open a civil assembly on 9th February, and in addition to Anzai, Professor Kenichi Miyamoto (former President of Shiga University), Professor Yayo Okano (Doshisha University) and Yoshisuke Niizuma (former Editorial Director of Osaka Head Office of Asahi Newspaper) are planning to make a speech requesting the resignation of Abe administration.

In addition, as an honorary member of "Magicians without Borders", Anzai is trying to play a magic trick titled "A Trap Hiding in Democracy"!

There is a unified local election in Japan in April this year, and an Upper House election in July, and Japanese citizens have an opportunity to show their will as sovereign.

In 2017, a word "*Sontaku*" (村度) became a buzzword in Japan triggered by the extreme behavior of bureaucrats who are too much concerned about Prime Minister Abe's words. The left part of the calligraphy "村" is "心" (heart) and right one is "寸" (inch), so the character "村" as a whole means "to rule your behavior by measuring someone's heart". It is too bad, I believe, to say nothing about the present political situations in Japan as a citizen who loves honesty and justice.

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