

# REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## NORTH ASIA

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### 1) Region's member affiliates:

- Japanese Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (Japan)=JPPNW
- Korean Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (S. Korea)=KPPNW
- Korean Anti-Nuke Peace Physicians (N. Korea)=KANPP
- Chinese Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (China)=CPPNW
- Mongolian Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (Mongolia) =MPPNW

### 2) Main activities over the past two years:

#### a) Advocacy

- CPPNW organized the 16<sup>th</sup> IPPNW World Congress held from Sep.15-19, 2004 in Beijing. JPPNW, KPPNW and MPPNW participated. (KANPP did not.)
- JPPNW held the 5<sup>th</sup> Conference of IPPNW-North Asia Region in Hiroshima from Aug. 20-21, 2005. CPPNW and MPPNW participated. (KPPNW and KANPP did not.)
- Dr Alex Hu of CPPNW worked very hard trying to vitalize the Chinese affiliate, such as planning to hold an international symposium at Soochou University. However, it was cancelled due to complex reasons.
- JPPNW compiled and distributed an annual report for the year of 2004 and 2005 across Japan.

#### b) Education

- Mr. Yoshihisa Nakamura, a former high official of Japanese Self Defense Force, gave a roundtable speech on "a Limited Nuclear Weapons Free Zone of Northeast Asia (Bordeaux Protocol)", and discussed with JPPNW members on Nov. 29, 2004.
- Dr Katsuko Kataoka, IPPNW Vice President, participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> United Nations – Republic of Korea Joint Conference on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Issues held on Dec. 6-8, 2004 in Jeju Island, ROK.
- Nagasaki International Study for Humanity (NISH) was formed in Dec. 2004 by 30 medical students of Nagasaki University. Members meet once a week to study about Iraqi War, nuclear, atomic bombings and environmental issues. A student forum took place in Dec., 2005.
- Members of MINC (Medical International Network Communication) of Hiroshima University and NISH worked together with IFMSA students for IFMSA Hiroshima Summer School, whose aim is to study health effects of the atomic bombings and nuclear issues.
- Drs Kataoka, IPPNW Vice President, and Masao Tomonaga, At Large Board, participated in the 55<sup>th</sup> Pugwash Conference in Hiroshima on July 21-28, 2005.
- Dr Shahriar Khateri, from Society for Chemical Weapon Victims Support, Iran,

gave JPPNW members a lecture, "Victims of Chemical Weapons in Iran" on August 8, 2005.

- Drs Kenjiro Yokoro, Nobumasa Kimura and Nanao Kamada gave lectures on the effects of the atomic bombings to IFMSA students at their Hiroshima Summer School, and Dr Kataoka to the UNITAR workshop participants a few times a year. (UNITAR= United Nations Institute for Training and Research, Asia-Pacific Office, in Hiroshima)
- Dr Kataoka gave a lecture on "The effect of the Atomic Bomb on human body in Hiroshima" to journalists on August 4, 2006.
- Dr Yokoro gave a lecture entitled "Atomic Bombings' Pathology and Clinical Findings" in Gunma, and Dr Kataoka a lecture entitled "IPPNW, Now" in Hokkaido.
- The annual medical exchange student program (Medex Program) between Germany and Japan. Two German students (Ms Anna Kuehne and Mr Marius Schawaller) received a practical medical training at Hiroshima University Hospital and some other institutes, and did peace studies in the summer of 2005 and 2006 respectively. Two Hiroshima students (Ms Hatsue Fujino and Ms Aki Hamasaki) visited Germany and were given the same kind of education by IPPNW Germany.
- Two Iraqi doctors were invited to study at Nagasaki University School of Medicine from February to August of 2005.
- JPPNW helped to promote the HICARE (Hiroshima International Council for Health Care of the Radiation-exposed) program.
  - Dr N. Tuvshinbat from the Mongolian affiliate participated in the program, and studied at Radiation Effects Research Foundation, and Hiroshima University Research Institute for Radiation Biology and Medicine in the summer of 2006. A book entitled "A-bomb Radiation Effects Digest" is being translated into Mongolian language under his conduct. Also, he has started his expedition in Western region of Mongolia covering approximately 1000 people in two provinces HOVD and BAYAN-ULGII together with UNDP project.

#### c) Campaigning/Direct action

– nuclear issues

- JPPNW supported the project to produce an animated cartoon, "Nagasaki-1945 – The Angelus Bells – An English version is to be shown at the Helsinki Congress.

#### 3) Main problems

- Low activity of KPPNW (S. Korea) and KANPP (N. Korea), and scarce response from KPPNW, KANPP and CPPNW make much harder the campaign for the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula and a peaceful coexistence in the region.

#### 4) Ideas for the future

- Plan to hold the 6<sup>th</sup> North Asia Regional Conference in Mongolia in June, 2007.
- To create a Northeast Asia nuclear weapons -free zone