

## **WE WILL PASS BLUE SKY TO OUR SON AND GRANDSON**

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Amagasaki City is a historical castle town that is on the Seto Inlands Sea, next to Osaka City. People in Amagasaki have suffered by air pollutions caused by rapid industrialization and large-scale development. We, pollution victims in Amagasaki entered court battles as plaintiffs in 1988. We bet our lives on this struggle, we got compensation by corporations, and in January of 2001 Kobe District Court ordered nation government and Hanshin Expressway Public Corporation to stop grave air pollution and pay for damages of plaintiffs. In December of 2001 in Osaka High Court the agreement was made by plaintiffs and national government, the Corporation for victims to stop air pollution by national Route 43 and Hanshin Highway. The conference of Amagasaki Victims and The Families now struggle to get back clean air in Amagasaki.

We had to secure natural coasts under the law of Seto Inland. We want now the rejuvenation and redevelopment of pollution-damaged communities. Hyogo Prefecture have made the Amagasaki 21st Century Forest Project public. We want to involve ourselves in this project. At first we, with Japan's pollution victims and NGO, would talk to Hyogo prefecture government and Amagasaki City government about environment in Amagasaki. We want to be able to continue to reside, live in harmony with nature. Our slogan is "We will pass blue sky to our son and grandson" and "Our children breathe clean air deeply".