

The global peace which begins from Matsue - the kickoff convention of united people

The sun rise from Izumo

Toward making the model which construction of community where women can fly ahead.

World War II ended with the greatest sacrifice in human history on September 2, 1945 when Japan signed the Instrument of Surrender on board USS Missouri at Tokyo Bay under the very same Star-Spangled Banner flown by Commodore Perry about a century before and the occupation of Japan by the Allied Powers began.

In 1951, in the middle of the Korean War, Japan regained its independence by signing the Peace Treaty in San Francisco and became a member of the United Nations, accepting the U.N. Charter, (effected in October, 1945), which contains the enemy clause for the old Axis Powers including Japan. Even though Japan enjoyed a period of prosperity under the Cold War, we now face complicated problems in the 21st century stemmed from disagreements with the neighboring countries on historical issues and political turmoil of the world.

In 1966 upon the invitation of Shimane Prefecture they built a nuclear power plant within the 10-km circle of prefectural capital Matsue. The plants have increased in number and now count three including the largest in Japan, but none of them is in operation at present. The structural exhaustion of the society induced “fiscal tightness,” “stoppage of the land reclamation project in Lake Nakaumi and excavation of the Ohashi River,” “the enactment of Takeshima’ s Day,” “obsoleting of public facilities and decrease of the users in number,” etc., which reduced our cultural, political and economic vitalities, triggered the rapid depopulation and the cooped-up feeling is drifting in our prefecture.

On the other hand there is a new trend to attract people’ s attention to Matsue and Izumo. In Greece recently, for example, Lafcadio Hearn’ s “Open Mind” was revived. Kei Nishikori became a world-top tennis player. Director Yoshinari Nishikori and EXILE TRIBE HIRO are now shooting together a highly expected movie titled Tatara Samurai.

Japan and the Korean Peninsula are located at the geopolitical center of the three nuclear super-powers, the U.S.A., Russia and China. A possibility to open a new age was born here when Prime Minister Abe and his government decided to advocate “Proactive Contribution to Peace,” Vitalization of

Local Economy” and “Vitalization of Woman Power.” It goes without saying that the new trend must be accompanied and supported by the awakened people and regenerated small/medium enterprises.

The market of industrial sheet shutters which our company created years ago is now rapidly expanding to the world as big companies also entered the market.

Another invention of ours is a general water control system called Yakumo Suishin (Yakumo water god) which uses locally developed computer language “Ruby” and cloud computing system. It was first introduced by Nomura Research Institute Ltd. at the 2010 Tokyo Forum to the audience of 2,700 as “a Social Structure for the Next Generation.” The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism nominated it as a successful model and the system is now selling nationwide and beyond the national borders.

Recently we made a huge statue of Sutoh Yahee, a great man in the field of water control and the source of our inspiration, in Shandong Province, China, one of the worst battle grounds during the Second Sino-Japanese War. The unveiling ceremony took place in Yakumo Town, Matsue on August 1, 2014 designated as “Water Day” with the cooperation of the local people. We also started, with the help of a Carnegie Foundation and Ms. Ingrid Rollema, a Dutch sculptor, a movement to promote Bertha von Suttner, the first woman Nobel Peace Prize laureate and the author of the novel Lay Down Your Arms and the essay The Barbarization of the Sky. Ms. Tsuneko Ipp, one of the lecturers of this symposium, is assisting as the narrator the stage performance about the life of Suttner titled Soul of Fire, sponsored by the Embassy of Austria and scheduled to be performed in Tokyo, Hiroshima, Kobe, Kyoto and Nagoya.

We sincerely hope that this symposium will help our plan for “the Peoples’ United Nations,” (introduced in Vienna in 2014), will sail away from Izumo into the world before the winds of the plan to achieve “Denuclearization and Peace in Northeast Asia” of Nagasaki University Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, Miss Malala Yousafzai’ s winning of a Nobel Peace Prize, Izumo Taisha’ s dedication of a new shrine and their auspicious event.

We sincerely wish you will join us in the symposium.

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