

Is it really safe? Tackling Takeda Group grills President

By Masuo Kobayashi



On June 26, 2013, at Takeda Pharmaceutical Company's 137th annual stockholders meeting, two members of Tackling Takeda Group urged that Takeda Pharmaceutical Company should disclose the name of the external organization which has inspected Takeda's Shonan Research Center after waste water leakage happened (in 2011-11-30).

The group also demanded Takeda should properly deal with its violation of the ministerial ordinance of MEXT (the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) which prohibits disposal of biological waste at the centralized sterilization system. We also demanded that Takeda's board members should give up their bonus to compensate damages done by incineration of animals used in animal testing. However, Takeda refused all. President Hasegawa answered;

1 Takeda will not release the name of the external organization due to contract.

2 Takeda has been using a centralized sterilization system for a long time and it has never been a problem with MEXT and other public organizations.

3 Accounting process related to the incinerator for animals has already closed and there is no necessity for compensation.

President Hasegawa has been arrogant and our requests were flatly declined. But when we demanded the board members to use their bonus for compensation, we received applause by other 4000 stock holders.

Public Welfare Environment Committee of Fujisawa City Council refuses to accept petition of Tackling Takeda Group

By Setsuko Aoyagi

On Sept 6, 2013, Fujisawa City's Public Welfare Environment Standing Committee did not adopt the petition of the Tackling Takeda Group.

Tackling Takeda Group has urged that Takeda Pharmaceutical Company should disclose the name of the external organization which has inspected Takeda's Shonan Research Center after the accident and its investigative report.

Council member Jinko Aoki (Kanagawa Net) and Junji Yanagisawa (Communist Party) strongly supported the petition. However, other political parties were against it.

Takeda Pharmaceutical Company has agreed with citizens to disclose information related to risk of its facilities. It is unacceptable that Takeda refused to release such information under the name of the contract and Fujisawa City Environmental Division approved Takeda's action.

Anim Takeda Pharmaceutical Company linked infamous Unit 731

By anonymous citizen



I visited Noborito Army Research Institute Museum for Education of Peace, which was a laboratory of now-defunct Japanese Imperial Army during the Second World War. In the museum, I learned that Junichi Kaneko and other many researchers of Takeda Pharmaceutical Companies were involved in the research activities done by Japanese Imperial Army's Unit 731. Unit 731, which was headquartered in Harbin, northern China, conducted many experiments on human bodies.