

IPPNW Germany Tokyo 2020-The Radioactive Olympics



Please Support Our "Signature-Collection-Campaign"! No Olympic Games in Radioactively Contaminated Regions!

The Summer Olympics in Tokyo are approaching. We have branded them the "Radioactive Olympic Games", because Japan is still suffering from radioactive contamination due to the multiple nuclear meltdowns in Fukushima nine years ago.

We launched International "Signature-Collection-Campaign"

In November 2019 IPPNW (International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War) Germany, together with [.ausgestrahlt](#) (German Anti-Nuclear Power Initiative), launched an international "Signature-Collection-Campaign". This petition is addressed to the Japanese government and the International Olympic Committee (IOC); we are demanding that the International Olympic Committee and the Japanese government refrain from holding the baseball and softball competitions in Fukushima City as well as the Olympic torch relay in radioactively contaminated areas. We are planning public handovers of the signatures in February 2020 at the IOC headquarters in Switzerland and in March 2020 in Japan. Before the start of the Olympic Games, we will then conclude the signature campaign with a press conference.

Significance of this campaign

The Japanese government is planning to host the Olympic baseball and softball competitions in the capital of Fukushima Prefecture - a mere 50 kilometers from the destroyed Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant. The Olympic torch is planned to be carried through areas still full of radioactive hot spots, starting on 26 March 2020 in the so-called J-Village, only 20 km from the reactors.

On 4 December 2019, [Greenpeace Japan announced](#) that high-level radiation hot spots have been found in its surveys at the sports complex where the 2020 Tokyo Olympic torch relay will start. The radiation levels around J-Village Stadium in Fukushima Prefecture were as high as 71 microsieverts per hour at surface level. This is 1,775 times higher than the 0.04 microsieverts per hour prior to the Fukushima Daiichi triple reactor meltdown in 2011.

We, IPPNW, have continued to express our concern that 'decontamination' alone cannot be relied upon to return many heavily contaminated areas to 'acceptable' levels of radioactivity. Furthermore, we have stressed that even places that have undergone extensive decontamination efforts could be recontaminated at any time by unfavourable weather conditions, as mountains and forests continue to serve as depots for radioactive particles.

These findings by Greenpeace Japan indicate that our concerns are not groundless.

Radioactive contamination is an urgent problem! That is why we are calling for an immediate halt to plans for the Olympic Games in radioactively contaminated regions!

Please support our "Signature-Collection-Campaign"!

We stand in solidarity with all those affected by radioactivity in Japan. The Olympic Movement needs to address their situation. We oppose the Japanese government's attempt to use the Olympics to portray a false normality in the affected regions.

We hope many of you -as many as possible- will help us with this campaign. If you click the link below, it will be connected to the Open Peition Site "No Olympic Games in radioactive regions":

<https://www.openpetition.eu/petition/online/no-olympic-games-in-radioactive-regions>

Thank you!