## 八雲立つ「出雲から陽が昇る」

松江からはじめる世界平和 ——国民国連キックオフ大会 女性が羽ばたく地方創生のモデルをめざして

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1945年9月2日、100年前にペリー提督が掲げた星条旗を掲げ、東京湾に入港した米戦艦ミズーリ号で日本は降伏文書に調印、史上最大の犠牲を出した第二次世界大戦が終わり、日本は連合国による占領を受けました。朝鮮戦争中の1951年にサンフランシスコ講和条約に調印し、独立。日本を含む旧枢軸国を対象にした敵国条項の入った国連憲章(1945年10月発効)を受け入れ、1956年に国連に加盟しました。その後、東西冷戦下の高度経済成長という繁栄もありましたが、21世紀を迎えた現在、近隣諸国との歴史問題と世界の激動期とが重なり、難しい状況になっています。

島根県は1966年、県庁所在地松江市の10キロ圏内に原子力発電所を誘致、日本最大を含む3基共、運転できない状態が続いています。社会の構造的疲弊が、「財政ひっ迫」「中海干拓事業中止と大橋川開削」「竹島の日制定」「公共施設の陳腐化、利用者の減少」等を生み、文化・政治・経済の活力が低下、急激な人口減少を招き、閉そく感が漂っています。

一方、ギリシアで小泉八雲の「開かれた精神OpenMind」がよみがえり、錦織圭選手の活躍、錦織良成監督とEXILE TRIBE HIROが創る映画「たたら侍」への期待も高まり、松江・出雲に注目が集まっています。

日本と朝鮮半島は、核大国の米国・中国・露国の地政学的結節点にあります。安倍内閣の掲げている「積極的平和主義」「地方創生」「女性の活躍」の議論から新しい時代が生まれる可能性がでてきました。これには中小企業の自律的再生と、国民の気づきが必要不可欠です。

当社が市場創造したシートシャッターも大手の参入が進み、 全国・世界に広がり市場が急拡大しています。

また、松江発のRubyで開発したクラウド総合水管理システム「やくも水神」も、「次世代の社会インフラ」として野村総合研究所が2010年に東京国際フォーラムで2700人を前に発表、国交省の成功モデルともなり本格的な普及期を迎えています。

やくも水神の原点「水の偉人・周藤彌兵衛翁」の大銅像を日中戦争の激戦地山東省で制作、8月1日「水の日」に松江市八雲町に地元の協力を得て建立しました。そしてカーネギー財団、オランダの芸術家ロレマさんの協力を得て、小説「武器を捨てよ」「空の蛮行」で100年前に世界大戦を強く警告した、女性初のノーベル平和賞受賞者ベルタ・フォン・ズットナーの像建立活動を始めました。シンポジウム講演者のイップ常子さんの参加で、オーストリア政府企画によるズットナーの演劇「情熱に燃える魂」が、東京、広島、神戸、京都、名古屋で上演され

ます。

このシンポジウムがきっかけとなり、平和への念いを込めた「国民国連構想」(2009年北京、2014年ウィーンで発表)が、長崎大学核兵器廃絶研究センターの「北東アジア非核兵器地帯構想」マララ・ユスフザイさんのノーベル平和賞受賞、出雲大社の遷宮と慶事を追い風に、出雲から世界へ羽ばたくことを祈っています。

皆様の積極的なご参加を心よりお待ちしています。

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## **Sponsor's Greetings**

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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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