

## **Finnish anti-nuclear group representative visiting Japan 22-30 January, 2013**

Mrs. Hanna Halmeenpää, Vice-President of Finnish NGO Pro Hanhikivi, will visit Japan 22-30 January 2013 together with supporting organizations in Finland and Sweden. The program is coordinated by Ms. Lena Lindahl, representing the Sustainable Sweden Association in Tokyo.

The NGO Pro Hanhikivi is struggling against a nuclear power plant project on the Baltic Sea coast. The project is planned by Finnish company Fennovoima in Pyhäjoki. Hanna is a comprehensive secondary school teacher in biology and geography. She lives with her family 50 km from the site of the planned nuclear power plant. Japanese Toshiba could become the reactor supplier for this project and this is why she is visiting Japan.

The purpose of the visit is to raise public awareness about Japan's export of nuclear energy technology and to find support among the many Japanese citizens who since Fukushima have doubts about Japan's role in promoting nuclear power in other countries. Public discussion on this topic is not only important because of the situation in Finland, but has a wider international meaning.

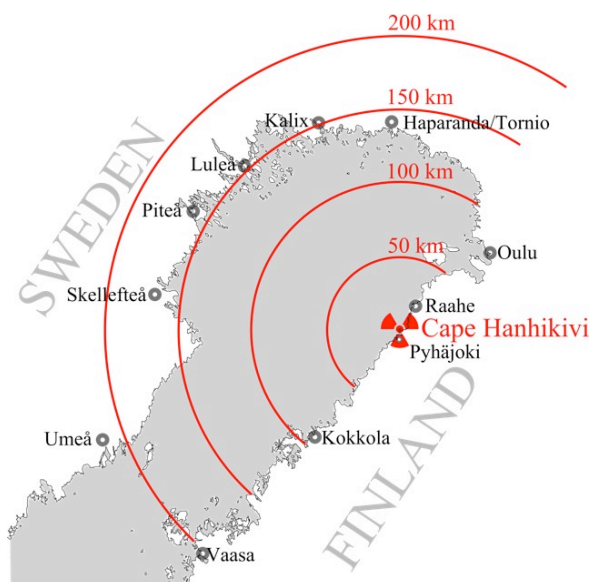
Hanna will meet with Japanese politicians and representatives of Japanese media, speak to the Japanese public, meet with anti-nuclear groups, and visit Fukushima Prefecture.

She is welcoming suggestions for speaking opportunities and looking for partners to collaborate with for a successful visit.

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As the program develops you will find related public information on this page:

<http://sustainablesweden.jp/ssa.html>



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