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He is director of NO DU Hiroshima Project, co-director of Global Association for Banning DU Weapons: Hiroshima-Nagasaki-Atlanta, and a committee member of HANWA (Hiroshima Association for Nuclear Weapons Abolition).

NO DU Hiroshima Project was started last June in order to get together anew the people involved in the anti-DU campaign in Hiroshima and some others in Japan and abroad.

One of its first activities was to publish *Hiroshima Appeal for Banning DU Weapons* (64 pages), which came out August 6, and another was to send some of its members to Iraq from late June to early July to gather samples of urines, soil, etc. for a preliminary scientific research with regard to the effects of DU weapons used during the present Iraq war.

As co-director of Global Association for Banning DU Weapons, Dr. Kazashi edited and published in August 2002, an English photo-appeal, *Children of the Gulf War: A Different Nuclear War* (32 pages), by Japanese photographer Takashi Morizumi. In December 2003, he produced a video-report, *Axis of Whose Evil: DU Weapons and Iraqi Children* (13 minutes), by Naomi Toyoda and Hitoshi Shimizu, both in English and Japanese.

Dr. Kazashi was also director of the campaign to put a “NO WAR NO DU” opinion ad in The New York Times on March 24 this year. He participated in Hiroshima Peace Research Delegation to Iraq last December as well as in Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Delegation to the U.S. in April 2002.

As for the above-mentioned activities and others we have been involved in Hiroshima, please refer to the homepage of Global Association for Banning DU Weapons. (<http://www.transnet-jp.com/DUban>), and that of NO DU Hiroshima Project (<http://www.nodu-hiroshima.org>).