

PRESS KIT – FILMQUOTES

Yuka and Kenji Yamaguchi, owner of ASIAN LUNCH



Kenji Yamaguchi : *No matter what happens, I think that we Japanese remain composed and don't let on what we are feeling.*

Of course we were scared after the disaster!

But we knew that it would be easier, if we just stayed quiet. There were even customers that conducted themselves as if nothing happened. There is no point in running around, screaming your head off.

Yuka Yamaguchi: *No matter how panicky you are, or angry, it won't change anything. You should first analyze what happened. Then you can get angry. Now many are furious. I am too.*

But even now, blind fury won't help us any.

F: Could it be described as silent fury?

Sure. Many are incensed, especially about the nuclear power plants.

Harujama Kazuhiro, garbage collector, 2012



Harujama Kazuhiro: *What happened? What goes on in nuclear power plants? This was my spontaneous reaction.*

I realized that something had to happen, and I was annoyed.

The official news agency did not mention anything about an explosion in the plant.

Then when the foreigners started leaving the country, I asked myself, 'why?'

Then I heard that cesium was found in tea from Tokorozawa, where I live, and I realized what the foreigners were talking about. It was dangerous.

F: How did you find out?

Harujama Kazuhiro: *Through emails from a friend of mine from South Korea. Another friend, who works at TEPCO emailed me about the core meltdown. He also informed me of the explosion of the Fukushima Daiichi plant. Then I realized, that they were withholding information from us.*

Junsuke Tada, watertreatment Kanamachi, 2013



Junsuke Tada: *It rained for the first time after the accident in Fukushima on March 21st. We immediately increased the amount of active carbon in the water treatment plant. We knew from an experiment that active carbon bonds radioactive iodine. With respect to the amounts reported we assumed it would be roughly two to three times more than usual. Unfortunately, we did not know the extent of the radioactive contamination. That is why we kept diverting that water into the plant from the beginning. Knowing what we know now, that radiation levels were that high, I would have been better not to have pumped river water into the plant.*

Hideharu & Hiromi Nagai, vegetable growers, 2012



Hideharu Nagai : *When I heard about the core meltdown, I prayed that no cesium would be released.*
F: Did you have any foreboding premonitions?

Yes. I just hoped that the worst case, would not happen.

Hiromo Nagai: *“Please, don’t let it happen.” We prayed, and sobbed.*

F: Do you feel better now?

Hiromo Nagai: *Not really. There are plants everywhere in Japan and similar events could happen again at any time. I really wish the government would pursue another source of energy.*

Hideharu Nagai: *In light of the catastrophe, we have to realize that no one can live there, where the plants are located.*

It has to be stopped. You can only face the future, if you have hope.

We must ensure that hope exists tomorrow.

Right now, there are nuclear power plants that destroy hope.