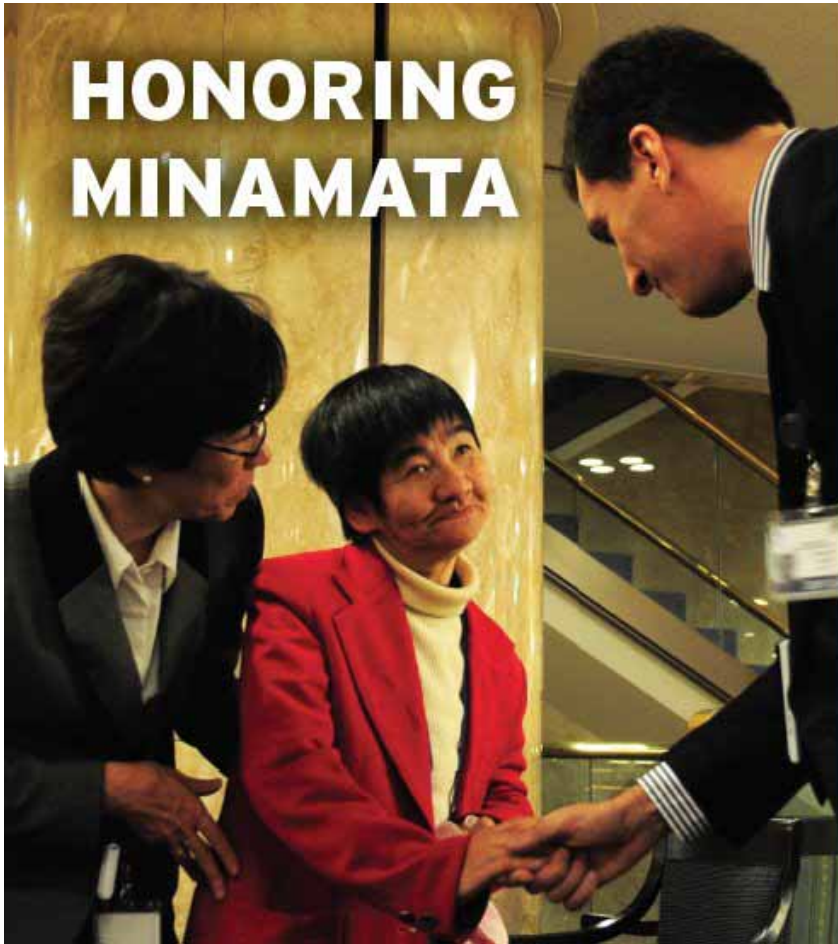


HONORING MINAMATA



Unresolved Minamata issues include: Examination of responsibility for the pollution and the victims; Compensation for all victims; Cleanup of Minamata Bay mercury contamination, including the reclaimed land contaminated with mercury sludge; and Clarification of the full extent of damage caused by Minamata disease.

Please make a strong Mercury Convention which will never again cause such a tragedy and never again give victims such pain.

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Pictured: Aileen Smith, Shinobu Sakamoto and Fernando Lugris
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MINAMATA: THE CONTAMINATED SITE AND VICTIMS THAT SADDENED THE WORLD

The current INC4 draft treaty text contains no obligations on contaminated sites.

If a Mercury Treaty is not obliged to prevent future contaminated site disasters, such as Minamata, how could it be called the Minamata Convention?

The outcomes of INC4 may *honor or dishonor* Minamata victims and future generations.



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