

Attn: Democratic Party, Public Relations Division

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World Benzodiazepine Awareness Day
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Re: Request for Assistance: Social Issue Caused by Drug Damages
(Relating to Suggestion from the Late Mr. Kyosen Ohashi)

Please allow me this opportunity to write to you on this occasion.

My name is Wayne Douglas, and I am a friend of the late Mr. Kyosen Ohashi, who was a delegate member of the Democratic Party.

I am from New Zealand. I met Mr. Kyosen Ohashi there for the first time, while working at the “OK Gift Shop” which he owned.

As you know, Mr. Ohashi passed away last July.

Until the time he died, I continued to exchange e-mails with him, mainly about Mr. Ohashi’s health condition, his wish to go to New Zealand, and my current activities.

Then one day, when discussing my activities, Mr. Ohashi suggested, “Please contact the Public Relations Division of the Democratic Party.” He made this suggestion for the purpose of calling attention to the damages caused by prescription drugs, which are seriously impacting on Japanese society today.

To be more specific, these prescription drugs are called benzodiazepines. They are mainly used as tranquilizers and sleeping pills, and include names, such as: Myslee, Halcion, Valium, Xanax, Depas, Librium, Dormonoc, Rivotril etc.

This July 11th will be the 2nd “World Benzo Awareness Day (W-BAD)” and I am in fact the co-founder of this day. Last year, as a preliminary event for W-BAD, I participated in a brochure distribution initiative in front of Shinjuku station, together with: Ms. Reiko Ueda (A member of the Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly), a member of the Shinjuku Ward Legislative Assembly, and a member of the Nerima Ward Legislative Assembly. While distributing pamphlets together, we addressed the general public about the risks of these drugs.

Also on this day, we paid a visit to the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare together with Mr. Takeshi Kotani, the planning and event organizer. There, we presented our case regarding the over-prescribing of benzodiazepines and subsequent damages caused by these drugs.

I am sending this letter to you in the hope that the Democratic Party would be willing to lend some attention to this social problem, and towards our efforts in raising more cautionary awareness. In particular, I would be most grateful if you could offer some support for the second "World Benzo Awareness Day," which will be held on Tuesday, July 11 in Tokyo.

In closing, I have appended some details regarding my personal history and activity based achievements. Thank in advance for your interest in this issue.

Yours Sincerely,

Wayne Douglas