

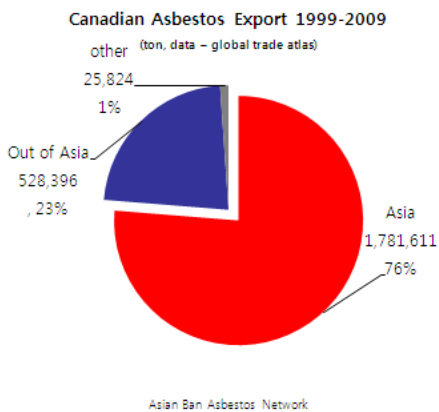
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Let's make stop Canadian Death Export 'Silent Time Bomb - Asbestos' to Asia

Welcome to Jeju Korea, all the delegation and participants to the 2nd Ministerial Regional Forum on Environment and Health in Southeast and East Asian countries.

We, Asian NGOs of environment and health areas participating this forum, like to share the 2 urgent environmental health issues with you, all the delegation. The first issue is about the issue of Canada's asbestos export to Asia, the second issue is about the how to reduce the increased Asian asbestos consumption and to ban ultimately.



As we all are know all kinds of asbestos are top class carcinogen confirmed by WHO IARC, US EPA, ILO etc. Many countries have adopted the ban policy in Europe and North and South America but asbestos consumptions in most Asian countries have increased till now. Canada has been one of leading asbestos producers in the world with Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Brazil and Zimbabwe.

Surprisingly, Canada recently decides to allow a new large scale asbestos mine in Quebec with huge

financial support. In 2009, 86% of Canada's asbestos export concentrated to Asia which has been increased steadily after 70% in 1999.

Thus Canada's new asbestos mine will be exported to Asia more than 200,000 tons of chrysotile (white asbestos) annually added to current export amount. What this means? Many Asian citizens will be faced by the Canadian killer, much more than now.

Now, our message is clear that 1st we have to make Canada stop to allow new asbestos mine, 2nd we need to urge Canada cease to export the time bomb to any countries particularly Asia. Do you think this issue is not proper to touch at this forum? We are the people concerning environmental health threat to Asian citizens particularly our next generations.

Are you OK this forum, the only Asian governmental not to touch this urgent issue threatening us and our children?



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