

COMMEMORATION OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATOMIC BOMB CASUALTY COMMISSION/RADIATION EFFECTS RESEARCH FOUNDATION (ABCC/RERF)

During 2007, a number of events marked the 60th anniversary of the beginning of studies on the health of the atomic bomb survivors. A symposium on “Sixty Years of ABCC/RERF: Major Contributions and Future Studies” was held in Washington at the National Academy of Sciences on December 12, 2007.



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Opening Session of Symposium on Sixty Years of ABCC/RERF

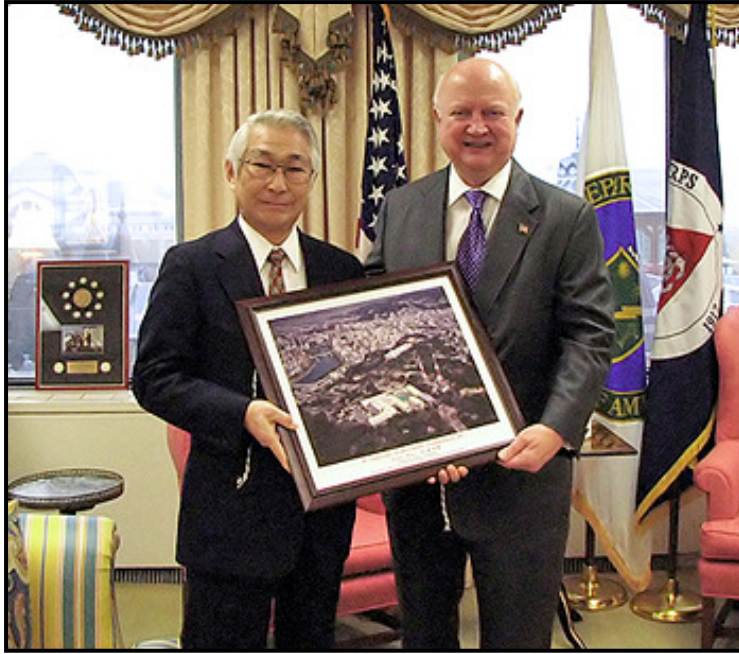
Mr. Sunao Tsuboi, representing the A-bomb survivors, receives a standing ovation.

During the opening session, Mr. Michael Kilpatrick, Deputy Chief for Operations, Office of Health, Safety and Security (shown second from right in photo above), gave welcoming remarks on behalf of the Secretary of Energy and the U. S. Government. Mr. Kilpatrick related how the history of the Department of Energy and the history of ABCC and RERF are intertwined. He also emphasized the importance of the RERF results for radiation risk assessment. Later in the program, Dr. Patricia Worthington, Director, Office of Health and Safety, spoke on the future of RERF from the perspective of the funding agencies.

On December 13, 2007, Dr. Samuel Bodman, Secretary of Energy, hosted a visit to his office by the RERF Chairman, Dr. Toshiteru Okubo. Dr. Okubo was accompanied

by Mr. Glenn Podonsky, Chief Health, Safety and Security Officer, Dr. Worthington, and Mr. Masahiro Mori, First Secretary at the Japanese Embassy in Washington.

The Secretary expressed his support for the work of RERF on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of ABCC/RERF. This was the first visit between a Secretary of Energy and an RERF Chairman since the incorporation of RERF as a bi-national organization in 1975.



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RERF Chairman Visits the Office of the Secretary of Energy

Dr. Toshiteru Okubo presents Dr. Samuel Bodman with an aerial photo of the RERF facility in Hiroshima.