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Japanese flee Fukushima nuke disaster to faraway Okinawa, plan class-action against radiation

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In this photo released by Minako Kubota, Kubota chats with her two-year-old son in Naha, Okinawa, Japan. Okinawa is about as far away as one can get from Fukushima without leaving Japan, and that is why Kubota is here. Petrified of the radiation spewing from the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant that went into multiple meltdowns last year, Kubota grabbed her children, left her skeptical husband and moved to the small southwestern island. More than a thousand people from the disaster zone have done the same thing. "I thought I would lose my mind," Kubota told The Associated Press in a recent interview. "I felt I would have no answer for my children if, after they grew up, they ever asked me, 'Mama, why didn't you leave?'" (AP Photo/Courtesy of Minako Kubota) (THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

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Experts and the government say there have been no visible health effects from the radioactive contamination from Fukushima Dai-ichi so far. But they also warn that even low-dose radiation carries some risk of cancer and other diseases.

Okinawa has welcomed the people from areas affected by the March 11, 2011, earthquake and tsunami that set off the nuclear disaster.

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