



of a book, has its total page of some 250-page, if written in English with additional issues I am tackling now would exceeds more than 400-page.

The interesting thing about it is that I lost the set of its files of the Microsoft Word, only remained printed papers. I brought my belongings here to this country by cargos. An interesting thing happened about the cargo. Among the three big cargos packed in the big paper boxes, some of the cargos were taken out for over weight reasons or something, which I came to know days later to give up to regain.

My thought is that if the Japanese manuscript of this book were among the lost, it would have been a terrible misery indeed. I once even determined to rewrite it from the very beginning in Japanese when needed.

When I think of the fact that now I am using the printed papers for its English translation, I could not help feeling so happy indeed I never lost it! What makes me more happy is that I do not have to do the same thing, I mean, rewrite or retype the same thing in Japanese any more, which is impossible to do it, though. This I say because my necessity is to write it in English, which requires real manuscript and that I do have it in my hand never to loose.

Lastly, I would like to write about my motivation of penning this novel. As written on the cover, I have two main reasons. On October 28 2009, I disclosed an “(Open letter)Dear Mr. President of the United States” and “My a-bomb survivor Testimony after the 65-year silence--based on three viewpoints--“ The former is one-page while the latter with some 10,000 words.

This book is the longest one that I describe what I have thought about the atomic bomb and how I tackled with my destiny of facing it. It would be my great pleasure if this gives the readers some idea of importance of positive interpretation and acceptance of the issue.

My final wish is that 65 years ago the both countries fought each other and yet helped each other for mutual prosperity. Why not come to say, “Let us forgive each other but never forget”. If this novel gives some motivation for that, it would be the writer’s happiest thing in all his life. Thank you.