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### **Da Nang city talks of Agent Orange aftermaths**

Participants to a forum in central Da Nang city expressed their strongly support to a lawsuit filed by Vietnamese Agent Orange victims against 37 US chemical companies.

The forum was jointly held on June 16 by the city's friendship organisation, the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) and Japan's Peace Boat.

About 20 representatives of non-governmental organisations from Asian-Pacific countries also attended the event, titled "War aftermath: Agent Orange, peace and justice".

They met directly with AO victims of the city to hear about their sufferings.

According to Nguyen Thi Van Lan, President of the city's Association of AO victims, the city has more than 7,260 AO victims, of them 1,300 are orphans. However, only 300 of these children have received monthly allowance and 50 are bred in rehabilitation centers.

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