Declaration of June 9 National Railway Struggle Rally

The struggle of dismissed 1,047 national railway workers is now facing a showdown with the JR Companies and the state power. The situation before us is that the underlying facts and truth of the Division and Privatization of National Railways in 1987 is going to be fully exposed to the whole public by the unflinching struggle of the dismissed national railway workers for over 30 years.

On June 29 last year, the Tokyo District Court ruled that the discriminating dismissal of Doro-Chiba union members for their union affiliation as unfair labor practice as a result of the Division and Privatization of National Railways. The presiding judge Shiraiishi was later transferred to an insignificant department apparently because of his judgment. On last May 8, the appellate proceeding of the case in question in the Tokyo High Court was abruptly concluded without enough discussion by the presiding judge Namba. The decision of the Tokyo High Court is expected on September 25. Let’s fight to achieve withdrawal of the unjust dismissal as well as the recognition of unfair labor practice in the court for coming four month.

Abe Administration is desperately driving its policy of over-all privatization and outsourcing, destruction of employment and casualization, restart and export of nuclear power plants, constitutional revision and war. All of his attempts are, however, on the brink of catastrophe and collapse. His last resort is a brutal attack on working class by taking away jobs, social security and everything else from them. The present situation is going far beyond the limit. But it offers an excellent opportunity for the revival of militant labor movement by bringing about a fundamental change to the workers’ consciousness and way of thinking. Fully aware of this critical development, the enemy class has begun an all-out offensive to eradicate national railway workers’ struggle. Their underlying aim is overall casualization and their attack is now focused on public service workers.

The future of the entire Japanese workers’ movement depends upon the development of national railway workers’ struggle. The urgent task of Nationwide Movement of National Railway Struggle is to gather all the angry voices of working class and to stand on the forefront of the struggle for the revival of class struggle labor movement.

Down with Abe administration that is waging a full-scale offensive on working class and driving for the constitutional revision and war!

We have evidently given a terrible blow to the JR Companies by our struggle against rationalization and for rail safety, as was manifested by the struggle against outsourcing of JR East Company on October 1, 2012. A fresh phase of the struggle is already opened up to crash the renewed attack of outsourcing in the coming October.

Our urgent and essential task is to achieve the revival of class struggle labor movement in this decisive moment of the history. Let’s organize struggle against rationalization and for safety in every workplace beyond industrial braches.

For the victory of the struggle of dismissed 1,047 national railway workers for the reinstatement, it is imperative to promote and expand the Campaign of Hundred Thousand Signature to support the dismissed 1,047 workers and sales of union goods in workplaces and communities.

Let’s make the success of today’s rally a step forward for the victory of the struggle to crush union busting and to achieve a new development of the national railway struggle!

Let’s promote and forge international solidarity!

Let’s gain new members to the Nationwide Movement of National Railway Struggle to achieve 3,000 membership!

We are facing a hopeful age with tremendous possibilities.

We call on all of you to build up organizations and movement for the success of November National Workers’ All-out Rally!

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All the participants of June 9 Rally of Nationwide Movement of National Railway Struggle