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We denounce the head of business circle.

Let’s fight in charge of everything

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YONEKURA Hiromasa, chairman of Nippon-Keidanren (Japan Business Federation), at the press conference on March 16, praised the Japanese nuclear authorities, saying, “Japanese nuclear plants are tough enough to resist the greatest earthquake in thousand years. It’s wonderful. Japanese nuclear agencies should be proud of it” “The accident is going to be overcome” “I’m not the opinion that Japanese nuclear policy is coming to a corner”. How shameless he is!

The reality is six units of the nuclear plants are going to melt down, while the rescue works are at standstill. At this very moment, high level radioactive materials are leaking from the exposed fuel rods of the reactors. Hundreds of thousands of people in the neighboring area are still obliged to stay in the shelters exposed to the nuclear contamination, unable to evacuate.



Chair of the Japan Business Federation, Yonekura

For the capitalists, this reality, in which a huge number of defenseless people are threatened to death by radioactive exposure, is “wonderful”. Shame on you! This is capitalism!

Information dropped off

The mayor of Tsunami-stricken Minami-Soma City of Fukushima prefecture angrily criticizes the administration: “What they are doing is to pour seawater to cool down the reactor after every blast. It’s too late. Why? That is because Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) hesitated to bring in seawater in fear of wrecking reactors. When the accident occurred at the unit 1, it should have been decided to put water to other reactors as well in order to cool down. The accidents after the case in unit 1 were all human-made disaster” “The inhabitants are scared of meltdown of the reactors. They have no place or means to evacuate”

***Example of system export:
: Nuclear power plant***



the DPJ Kan Administration’s New Growth Strategy focuses on “System Export of Nuclear Power Plants” (Photo from “FY 2011 Key Policies of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry”)

In spite of these catastrophic developments, TV has almost stopped today to make report on what is happening on the site of the nuclear disaster. This is a complete news blackout.

Though we have consistently criticized the danger of nuclear plants and government’s

nuclear policy for years, the disaster broke out in such a catastrophic way. In spite of our criticism, we were not able to stop it. It is quite regretful.

Rengo, major national trade union center, which has promoted building of nuclear plants in cooperation with the electric power capital, is keeping complete silence on the nuclear accident. We are now witnessing a horrible example of what will happen when labor union becomes the tool of capitalist policy or governmental instrument.

It teaches us to come back to the original starting point of labor movement and to fight to live with all of our power.

Government still inactive and disoriented

Confirmed death toll has gone over 6,500 and 10,000 people are still missing (reported figure). No figures of deceased or missing person are known in a lot of cities, towns and villages.

The government without governing power remains inactive and can't present a policy to confront the crisis. Transportation of necessary medicine to the hospitals, in which refugees are staying, is not guaranteed. Lack of medicine means death of sick and old people. They are

totally abandoned by the administration. No measures are taken to solve the problem.

Let's take all responsibilities for everything in this society

What happened and what is happening thereafter on the occasion of the huge earthquake are far beyond our present ability. At this very moment, we have to come back to our original starting point. Firstly, we must put all of our power in organizing relief activities for the affected areas; secondly, we must start fighting against imminent all-out enemy attack on working class.

Whatever happens and under any developments we have to confront from now on, the major pillar of addressing all possible difficulties and problems should necessarily be a militant and competent labor union, which is ready to take all responsibilities for the whole situation. It is required for us to respond to such a need by making a giant leap. It is possible only through establishing close links with angry workers and enhancing confidence in unity of working class. The core target of our struggle is enemy attack as an ultimate development of bankrupt neo-liberalism. Let's rise up to fight!



Demonstration for People's Quake Relief and immediate shutdown of nuclear plants in blacked out downtown Shibuya, Tokyo (March 17)