

We call on our friends all over the world

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Confirmed death toll has already risen over ten thousand and nobody knows how high it will mount. Thousands of remains still lie in gymnasiums and other places without their families or friends to bury them. Situation in the shelters, hospitals and care facilities for the aged people is very serious. More serious are, however, those elderly people who have been forcibly transferred from hospitals and care facilities to home care as a result of reactionary change of medical system. They are abandoned in the cold and increasing stress without foods, medicine or medical treatment. Power failure causes breakdown of critical medical instrument. Actually aged people die one after another in these circumstances.

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Vegetables and milk are also under suspect. Not only no shipment but also no consumption of certain kind of vegetables has already been instructed since yesterday. Seawater also showed high-level radioactivity. Tomorrow perhaps vegetables will disappear from the supermarkets.

Even now when the things have so far deteriorated, the government, TEPCO (Tokyo Electric Power Corporation) and mass medias are repeating thousands times, "There is no harm to the health". It has become apparent that the government, TEPCO and mass media are joining in a crime against people.

Greedy as vultures

All the car-manufacturing factories are completely closed. After the East Japan earthquake, a large-scale "planned blackout" has forced numerous workplaces to stop operation and a large number of workers in irregular employment instantly became jobless. The Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare issued an instruction: "There is no need of making compensation for the lost working days and hours". The reality is not only numerous workers have lost

jobs or dismissed, but also workers, farmers and fishermen are losing means of life.

In the midst of this situation, big banks are reported to have made a common decision to finance ¥ 1.2 trillion to TEPCO. They are expecting bankruptcy and nationalization of TEPCO and investing for profitable future. It is evident that all the burden will be put on the shoulders of working class. They are greedy vultures!

The essence of the tragedy

The reality before us is by no means natural disaster but man-made tragedy, caused by neo-liberal offensive on the basis of capitalist market economy. Its real essence is nakedly exposed day by day.

It is symbolized by the crisis of nuclear plants. Japan has numerous steam power plants and hydroelectric plants enough to cover the demand without the supply from nuclear plants. 54 nuclear plants have been operated, while competent steam power plants and hydroelectric plants were put out of work. The construction of nuclear plants started in 1960's but its all-out operation began by the conclusion of New Japan-US Nuclear Power Agreement in 1983 through the cooperation of Nakasone and Reagan administrations. It triggered a series of constructions of nuclear facilities: nuclear fuel reprocessing facility, fast breeder reactor, uranium enrichment plant and development of laser uranium enrichment method. Trillions of Yen were financed by the state to nuclear industry. In line with the all-out neo-liberal offensive on workers, nuclear policy has been carried out as a desperate measure for the survival of capitalism.

Stop nuke now, otherwise we ...

The fact is the earthquake killed only a very few people but ensuing tsunami massacred a large number of people as a result of total lack of administrative preventive measures against it. Financing of only a part of gigantic state budget, assigned to nuclear industry led by big corporations, such as Toshiba and Hitachi, for the construction of necessary levee instead of nuclear facilities, could have surely avoided the horrible tragedy. It had been anticipated that huge earthquake would occur, with

certainty of 99%, on the Sanriku coast that was violently hit by the East Japan earthquake. It is reported that there were records of a towering tsunami over 10 meter high in the past. But the nuclear authorities and administration provided the coast with levees of only 3 meter high and boasted to the inhabitants there that the nuclear plants were absolutely safe. What happened now? A large number of people were precipitated in a horrible situation caused by the leaking radioactive materials of high level from the wrecked nuclear plants.

Even in the present catastrophic situation, the government is still running nuclear plants in many localities of Japan. Shut down them all immediately! Among other nuclear facilities, Hamaoka nuclear plant (in Shizuoka prefecture in Tokai region, between Tokyo and Osaka areas) is built on the most dangerous location, namely, "active fault". An

imminent breakout of Tokai huge earthquake has been warned since long. And this time, the nuclear plants would be hit not by tsunami but directly by inland earthquake. Knowing this very well, capitalists can't stop their policy of money making under the control of mechanical movement for more profit at the risk of a large number of people. We are confronting this dreadful character of capitalist system.

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This tragedy shall never be repeated again. We in Japan are squarely confronting this brutal and outrageous reality with all of our power. We seriously call on all of our friends across the word to rise up to abolish nuclear plants and nuke once and for all! Please send you strong demand to Japanese government "to stop nuclear plants immediately!"

Let's relieve earthquake victims through people's power!

(I) Bank Account for Donation

Some or all of the following data 1 to 9 are required to send a remittance to Japan. And if the purpose of remittance is questioned, please reply that remittance is made for relief to the earthquake in Japan through the National Railway Motive Power Union of Chiba (for short, Doro-Chiba).

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5. Branch address: 2-5-1 Chuo, Chuo-ku, Chiba City, Chiba 260-0013, Japan
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