

Fukushima University Students Began Fighting to Abolish Nuke Plants!

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Zengakuren (All Japan Federation of Students' Autonomous Bodies)

The Great Rally of Angry Fukushima on June 19 was attended by 1500 people from all over Japan and made a vigorous demonstration in the center of the city with warm welcome of Fukushima citizens.

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Most remarkably, many students of Fukushima University participated in the rally. A first year student made a passionate speech: "Speak out, and then we can change the situation. We can abolish nuclear plants. Let's stand up from Fukushima!"

Several Fukushima University students joined us while we were marching across Fukushima city. They shouted "Give back the ocean!" "Give back the field!", and we chanted these slogans in a heart with them.

"I'm from Niigata. On the occasion of the quake in 2007, all nuclear reactors in Kashiwazaki-Kariwa nuclear plant automatically shut down and simultaneously a fire broke out. In spite of this bitter experience, we are now encountering a serious accident in Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant. Such accident could not have happened if the government had seriously thought over the risk of radiation and nuclear plants.

Now, the government raised the reference level of exposed dose per year. It is urgent to take precautions since the magnitude of internal exposure have not been clarified. But the



Zengakuren contingent marches in Fukushima, June 19

government, the media and professors are telling a pack of lies. Today's world is filled with absurdities. As an ordinary student I find the present situation totally unacceptable and ridiculous.

In Niigata, we succeeded to stop construction



An earthquake caused a fire and radioactive water leak in July 2007

of new nuclear plants in Maki-machi by the local referendum. Just speak out, and we can change the world. We can abolish nuclear plants. Let's stand up from here Fukushima!"

Revolts erupt from within the Universities in Fukushima and Mie

On June 6, 12 associate professors of Fukushima University presented a document of request to the prefecture governor. Their demands are: "the Prefecture should publicly acknowledge the existing danger of radiation and take necessary measures to lower the reference level of exposed dose" and proposed seven concrete agendas.

Thus they expressed their burning anger against docile scholars bribed by government and capital. The typical person is YAMASHITA Shunichi, professor of Nagasaki University, who was recently appointed to the Adviser of Fukushima prefecture on Health-risk Management from Nuclear Radiation.

After the appointment, he traveled to many places in Fukushima and preached: "Cancer-causing risk will not increase if exposure dose will not go beyond 100mSv/year" and "There is no immediate hazardous effect on health (under the present condition of Fukushima)" and so on.

He is a shameless advocator of government and TEPCO and abandons the life of people of Fukushima in the name of "atomic bomb site Nagasaki" and with authority of professor. Now a large number of people across Japan are voicing anger against YAMASHITA, calling him "Mr. Daijobu". ("Daijobu" means "No problem.")

In response to such rising, a new petition movement demanding displacement of YAMASHITA has been started. The essential organizers of this movement are the members of the "Fukushima network to protect children from radioactivity", who participated in June 5 rally of National Railway Struggle.

The struggles have started from within universities across the country. On May 11 in Mie University, faculty council of department

of education rejected, the plan of opening a course "Energy and Environment", sponsored by Chubu Electric Power Company.

This attempt to introduce corporate-sponsored course was planned to recover the setback in constructing new nuclear plants in South Mie by Chubu Electric Power Company (CEPCO), which had been driven into the cancellation by the protest movement of fishermen and residents for two times. CEPCO had tried rollback by purchasing the University for a large amount of donation of 300 million yen in ten years. It shows that we can stop and abolish nuclear plants by all means if we take action starting from University.

Let's start fresh struggle on campus now!

A large donation by the electric power companies is flowing every year in universities throughout the country and universities have been incorporated into the part of "the atomic village" until now. A university, which should be originally a place to open up the future for young people has been transformed into an organ to take away the future from children and youth.

However, through the accident of Fukushima, the fact has been revealed that the government and capital had distorted "study" and "education" 180-degree. And now, a fight for magnificent future has begun at last to overturn unbearable present conditions of university and education fundamentally. The key point is we students stand up on our own campus.

Tohoku (Northeastern Japan) University Students' Autonomous Body calls for the great rally in the campus on July 8. We, Zengakuren (All Japan Federation of Students' Autonomous Bodies) will launch all-out struggle to rebuild a student autonomous body in every university and revitalize student movement in a huge scale.

The future is ours. In solidarity with the friends of all over the world, we will fight to abolish all nukes of the world!

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