

## **March 11, Fukushima Anniversary Solidarity with all anti-nuke movement of the world over! Stop outsourcing and casualization!**

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Dear friends all over the world!

We are now witnessing the desperate attempt of capitalists to survive by transferring all burdens onto the shoulders of working people through an overall neo-liberal offensive in the face of an aggravating sovereign crisis. They are trying to generalize outsourcing and disguised subcontracting in every sphere of social relations and production with the aim of destroying working class unity and trampling on the pride of working people and human dignity. With the pathetic slogan, "Money instead of life," capitalists are rushing to put "90% of the entire workforce" into irregular employment.

The March 11<sup>th</sup> commemoration day is drawing near, while more than three thousands remain missing, hundreds of thousands of people are exposed to cold winter wind, tens of thousands are forced to leave their hometowns to defend the lives of their children from radioactivity and still millions of working people in the affected and contaminated areas have been struggling against unprecedented hardships for a year. All of Japanese society is filled with profound indignation against the neo-liberal agenda, the roots of this disaster, and is faced with a growing swell of struggle, firmly determined to overthrow the society from the bottom up.

The Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Plant is still dumping huge amounts of radioactive material daily, without exact knowledge of the whereabouts of the melt-down fuels, and cascade of breakdown of measuring instruments leads to blind operation of stricken reactors. TEPCO and the Noda administration have no effective means of preventing a possible collapse of the pool of used fuels in No.4 reactor. They are only cooling all stricken reactors by water, the result being a large amount of contaminated cooling water. Their total incapacity and irresponsibility is being publicly exposed.

It was recently revealed that some of the nuclear plant workers have died of cardiac infarction and nodules have been found in the thyroid glands of many children. Working people, 99% of the entire population, are already fully aware of the deceitful intention of the government: the shameless declaration, "settlement of the accident"; the ineffective de-contamination campaign attempt; fake efforts at a "stress test". After all, we have succeeded in producing a situation in which only two of the 54 nuclear plants in Japan are actually in operation. This is the unprecedented outcome of the history of Japanese nuclear energy development.

We shall never allow the reopening of nuclear plants. We shall achieve the complete abolition of nuclear plants, no matter how long it takes.

On March 11<sup>th</sup> 2012, the first commemoration Day of the Fukushima nuclear disaster, we are gathering in Koriyama, situated in the heart of stricken Fukushima prefecture. Our slogans are: Solidarity with all anti-nuke movement of the world over; Abolition of all nuclear plants; Stop outsourcing and irregularization (casualization); For the revival of the class struggle labor movement to confront the global economic crisis and mass dismissal. We'll fill the rallying park with union flags.

Below is the resolution passed by the regular committee meeting of Doro-Chiba on February 26th.

We are determined to stand in the forefront of the mounting wave of anti-nuke struggle, to further strengthen our union in the struggle and to crush the JR plan of over-all outsourcing of inspection and repair work as well as station service, scheduled to start on April 1<sup>st</sup>.



2,100 gathered to stop Genkai nuke plant (BWR) resuming its operation (February 26, Saga Prefecture in Kyushu Island)

# Declaration of the 66<sup>th</sup> Central Committee Meeting

February 26, 2012

Doro-Chiba has decided at the 66<sup>th</sup> Central Committee meeting in the Union House a new policy of struggle: we fight against JR's (Japan Railway Company) attempts of over-all outsourcing of inspection, repair and yard operations; reorganization of railway bases; and the anti-labor revision of the Employment & Wage System. We fight for the victory of the 2012 Labor Spring Offensive and for the development of a Nation-wide Movement of National Railway Struggle and for further organizing.

We denounce the reactionary decision of the Supreme Court on February 23<sup>rd</sup> in the case of discrimination in appointment of trainee drivers\*, overturning the previous High Court's judgment. We must point out that the same Supreme Court judge who had ruled in a very similar case concerning Doro-Mito (National Railways Motive Power Union of Mito, a sister union of Doro-Chiba) that JR East had committed an unfair labor practice denied Doro-Chiba's unfair labor practice claim. How could such a contradictory judgment occur? This is a blatant manifestation of the policy of the Supreme Court to prevent Doro-Chiba from achieving victory in court. This is a self-denial of the judicial system. It cannot be overlooked. Watch out, you judges of the Supreme Court! You must realize that Doro-Chiba is firmly determined to finalize all the issues concerning the Division and Privatization of National Railways through our all-out struggle.

\*JR continues to refuse Doro-Chiba members who passed the national train driver license exam in early 80s from taking driver's seats.

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, JR Chiba Branch Office and Chiba Railway Service Company forced outsourcing of the yard operation in Keiyo Car Center. Even though the job subcontracted right now is for only 8 man-hours a day, it is apparently the first step in an over-all outsourcing drive in coming days. The railway companies tried in vain to conceal a serious accident on this day caused by an inexperienced driver (ex-management staff), who was nominated for the outsourced job. This is an eloquent example of the unlawful practice of outsourcing, which is in fact disguised contract labor. Management, fully aware of this, is forcing through this deceitful outsourcing policy. Here is our enemy's weak point. We'll surely win the battle to crush management's outsourcing policy if we can grasp this point and concentrate our attack here. Our 10 years of struggle has already proven this.

The JR plan of reorganizing railway bases is already doomed to complete bankruptcy. Now the Chiba Drivers' Branch and Choshi Branch of Doro-Chiba are waging long-term strikes by designated unionists to refuse preparatory training for the base reorganization. This struggle has succeeded in stopping the planned opening of the new Sakura

Transportation Base as a part of a reorganization scheme. This is an unprecedented incident for railway business.

We are resolutely going to crush union busting and fight against scrapping of local lines.

The "[political settlement](#)" on April 9, 2010, has triggered an all-out reorganization attack in the JR system of privatization: massive dismissal of contract workers; escalation of outsourcing including station services; anti-labor revision of employment & wage system; renewed betrayal of JR-Soren East; aggravating crisis of JR Freight and three other JR companies in Hokkaido, Kyushu and Shikoku; rapid degeneration of labor bosses of Kokuro (Japan National Railway Workers Union); bankruptcy of JR management and Kakumaru collaboration; endangering of rail safety, etc. JR companies are trying to transfer to workers all burdens caused by the failure of the Division and Privatization of National Railways to evade their responsibility for that and to even justify their attempts.

The neo-liberal offensive started by the Division and Privatization of National Railways must be stopped by all means. As a result of this offensive, 39% of the entire working population (20 million workers in number) has been thrust into irregular employment or working poor and the number of welfare recipients is over 2 million. We should not obscure the issue of the Division and Privatization of the National Railway. Let's put forward our demands: Withdraw the unjust dismissal of 1047 national railway workers! Stop overall outsourcing of JR! Abolish irregular employment! For a great leap of the Nation-wide movement of national railway struggle!

The Noda Administration declared at the end of last year that "the nuclear crisis is ending". Stop joking! No problem has been solved. At this moment a hundred thousand accident-affected people are wandering around with no place to settle and radioactive contamination is still expanding. Anger is erupting all over Japan into an uncompromising antagonism against the dominating power. The government, bureaucrats, business circle, bribed scholars and academicians, mass media and corrupt labor union bosses, in a word, the "Nuclear Mafia", are desperately forcing a nuclear development policy on us no matter how many lives are sacrificed or destroyed.

In the name of "restoration (from the March 11<sup>th</sup> disaster)", the administration and the business circle are intent on carrying out their neo-liberal agenda in all spheres of Japanese society and bulldozing the Tohoku region (disaster-stricken Northeast Japan) as well as the entire Japanese nation into a fully privatized entity. A massive tax hike is being planned.

A fresh offensive to join in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is on the agenda with the aim of destroying agriculture and thrusting all branches of public service into the market rule of ruthless competition. Hashimoto, mayor of Osaka city, is spearheading this savage attack on working people.

Now is the time militant labor vigorously revives.

Three years have passed since the eruption of the global financial crisis in 2007-2008. Global unemployment figures have reached two hundred million and growing. In Europe, the fiscal crisis is worsening in Greece, Ireland, Portugal, Spain, Italy, etc. and states themselves are going into bankruptcy one after another. This is an unprecedented incident. However, the most serious example of public debt is Japan and the United States. Also, the Chinese bubble economy is finally beginning to collapse. The historical downfall of the capitalist system has begun. Furthermore, this crisis is bringing about military tension in East Asia, which is rapidly developing into war.

However, workers of the world are courageously

confronting neo-liberalism. Mounting anger is turning into general strikes, the Occupy Movement, numerous riots and the Tunisian and Egyptian revolutions.

Let's rise up for a struggle to decide the bright future of workers in solidarity with the workers of the world! Let's promote Nationwide Movement of National Railway Struggle widely!

Let's smash outsourcing offensive by all means!

Win victory of the Spring Labor Offensive 2012 with all-out efforts!

Let's build a society, in which workers play a central role!

Let's expand our union organization as a crucial task!

We shall crush the political myth of Japanese labor movement, according to which "hard struggle brings about disruption in union" and reconstruct class struggle labor movement.

To achieve this goal we stand up for an all-out struggle to organize a large number of workers in our union.

We declare this in the name of the 66th Central Committee Meeting of Doro-Chiba.

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## News and Documents

### Japanese Gov't won't fund free medical care in Fukushima

Jan. 29, 2012

Kyodo

FUKUSHIMA — The government will not pay for free medical care to be provided for people aged 18 and younger in Fukushima Prefecture,

reconstruction minister Tatsuo Hirano said Saturday.

Free medical care in the nuclear crisis-hit prefecture would raise issues about the role of the national

medical care system, and providing fresh funding would thus be "difficult," Hirano said in a meeting with Fukushima Gov. [read more](#)

### *The French Study*

### Childhood Leukemia Spikes Near Nuclear Power Plants

by JOHN LAFORGE

French researchers have confirmed that childhood leukemia rates are shockingly elevated among children living near nuclear power reactors.

The "International Journal of Cancer" has published in January a scientific study establishing a clear correlation between the frequency of acute childhood leukemia and

proximity to nuclear power stations. The paper is titled, "[Childhood leukemia around French nuclear power plants – the Geocap study, 2002-2007.](#)" [read more](#)

### Former nuclear worker, heart attack victim sues gov't over workers comp claim

FUKUOKA -- A former nuclear plant worker who suffered a heart attack decades after being exposed

to radiation has filed suit against the government, demanding it

recognize his claim for workers compensation. [read more](#)

### *Yakuza (Mafia) sharks dispatch vulnerable workers to nuke plants*

February 02, 2012

In a rural area 15 kilometers southwest of the Oi nuclear plant in Fukui Prefecture, a business office displays the signboard of a construction company. But inside, a 67-year-old man wearing a black knit cap and wrapped up in a

blanket while watching television indicates that the company is more of a temp staff agency for nuclear power plant work.

"Do you want to know about worker staffing?" he says, as he

narrows his eyes and grimaces. "That was lucrative. When I was asked to gather up 10 workers, I called up yakuza and construction dealers." [read more](#)

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