

3rd Anniversary of the Quake and Meltdowns

March 11 Fukushima Action, 2014

Endorse and participate in the Fukushima Action!

Doro-Chiba International Labor Solidarity Committee



March 11 Anti-NPP Fukushima Action, last year



Dear Friends,

We would like to ask you to endorse and/or participate in March 11, 2014 Anti-NPP Fukushima Action.

The Abe administration is accelerating its policy toward restart of nuclear power plants, construction of new ones and nuclear plant export, stating that nuclear power must be “an important base power source.” Just in order to let down and oppress people in Fukushima, Abe used the blatant lie to win the Olympics bid that the contaminated water from Fukushima Daiichi had been “completely under control” and there has not been and will not be any health problems whatsoever.

At the same time, the government is more and more turning to international promoters of nuclear weapons and energy—the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP). Also the Fukushima Prefectural Government and the Fukushima Medical University entered into memoranda of cooperation with IAEA, which provide for “confidentiality of information classified by the other Party as restricted or confidential.” The reasons of non-disclosure are unlimited—“disquieting for residents” or anything else.

Furthermore, the Abe administration is preparing to ease the current legal standard of permissible dose of radiation from

1mSv/y to 20mSv/y, making use of the abhorrent report of IAEA mission to Japan in October 2013: “any level of individual radiation dose in the range of 1 to 20 mSv per year is acceptable”

The government invited Jacques Rochard, the director of the Centre d'étude sur l'Evaluation de la protection dans le demaine Nucléaire (CEPN) and the chair of the fourth committee of ICRP, and Otsura Niwa, specially assigned professor of Fukushima Medical University, to establish ETHOS Fukushima in order to promote “safe nuke” and “safe radiation” campaign. Rochard is one of the most heinous advocate of nuclear industry and imperialism who established ETHOS Project, which advocated “radiation protection by residents self-reliant effort” after the Chernobyl accident. Today, he is spreading demonic words: “Too much anxiety about radiation increase mental stress that causes health problems,” “The thyroid cancer can never appear until four years after the nuclear accident,” and “People are suffering nuclear fatigue, influenced by sensationalism. Now, only reassuring words can help them.”

However, the ongoing reality of Fukushima stands in the way of the will of Abe administration and globalized imperialism. Now in Fukushima, there is a significant increase in thyroid abnormalities including cancer. Workers are forced to engage in radiation-exposed work by rotation in increments of seconds or minutes. What is more, the government is pressing forward its duplicitous campaign of “Return Home to Fukushima” flatly neglecting the people’s risk of internal radiation exposure. The deep-rooted anger of Fukushima people is boiling over. They cry out, “Bring us back Fukushima!” It is a serious expression of their determination to take back everything they have lost by the nuclear accident.

The struggle of railway workers of Doro-Mito and Koriyama Factory Branch of Kokuro (National Railway Workers Union) against radiation-exposed works through strikes and protest action has forged unity in their workplaces and has successfully opened up fresh possibilities for anti-nuclear movements.

The National Railway workers’ 27-year struggle against the Division and Privatization of National Railways led by Doro-Chiba has at last opened up a new vision. Both the Tokyo District Court and the Tokyo High Court ruled that the discriminatory dismissal of Japan National Railways and Japan Rail Companies at the time of the privatization as an unfair labor practice. The National Railway Struggle has made a giant step closer to reinstatement of dismissed 1,047 national railway workers.

When such struggles of rank & file workers, joined together with the “Anger of Fukushima”, widely spread all over the world and get every working class people involved, a huge struggle towards total abolition of nuclear plants and nuclear weapons will surely be materialized.

Neoliberal offensive becomes more and more violent and brutal even to destroy every social existence as its bankruptcy is exposed to be more and more evident.

Let’s get together to fight against privatization, outsourcing and casualization in order to overthrow neoliberalism by our hands.

Please refer to the website of March 11 Anti-NPP Action Committee:

<http://fukushimaaction.blog.fc2.com/blog-entry-147.html>

We are holding the Third Anniversary Action of March 11 as follows:

Title: March 11 Anti-NPP Fukushima Action in 2014

Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at 2:00 p.m.

Location: Koriyama General Gymnasium

We heartily call for all labor unions, organizations/groups and every worker of the world to endorse and participate in our Fukushima Action.

You can find the archive of Doro-Chiba Quake Report here: <http://dorochibanewsletter.wordpress.com/>
