

Japanese Students' May Day Appeal

We Have Power to Defeat Criminal Government and Big Business

May 1, 2011

Zengakuren (All Japan Federation of Student Autonomous Bodies)

About half a year ago, Japanese Diet (the national legislature) slashed a substantial amount of expenditure for disaster measures based on the argument that it didn't recognize the fiscal urgency for a possible disaster once in two centuries. A week after the East Japan Earthquake, the same Diet approved fiscal spending of ¥120 trillion (\$ 1.5 trillion) not on the affected areas but on market. Meanwhile, US Forces and Japanese Self-Defense Forces carried out preliminary practice for emergency under the name of "Disaster Relief Service".

Mass media repeatedly emphasizes "raging nature" "an accident beyond assumption" etc. but the reality is far from this demagogy. We must make clear that the current disaster is a result of the crime committed by capital and the state power!

See what is actually happening in Fukushima! Farmers in this most severely ravaged region are furiously shouting, "Everybody is weeping. Give us back the lost lives, fertile farmland and our blue sky!"

Hiroshima, Nagasaki, nuclear testing at Pacific Proving Grounds, Three Mile Island, and Chernobyl—we have before us a list of awful disasters, which demonstrated horrible force of nuclear power, the incompatibility of nuke and humankind. Behind the scene, however, there are concealed cruel picture: on the one side, nuclear



May Day protest in front of TEPCO Head Office in Tokyo

plant workers have been sacrificing their lives under radioactive exposure every minute, and on the other side, electric power company bosses have been profiting a large amount of money hundreds times larger than the workers. This is what our society really is.

This is capitalism. The recent huge disaster has fully exposed the true character of the society in which we live now.

We call on you across the world to look at our exciting reality! Our brothers and sisters in the devastated areas are rising up for the fight to live, while the administration is in total inaction and inability. People are taking action in a large scale to decide their own life and future against the on-going disaster caused by the nuclear plants. Working class and people are capable to launch a struggle in the face of every adversity, recovering their vitality. It has been fully proved in the recent development after the quake.

On April 22, we resolutely organized a protest against TEPCO (Tokyo Electric Power Company), the major enemy of the people all over the world, hoping that it would encourage angry massive demonstrators across Japan to a larger scale uprising of tens of millions of people.

On the same day we also fought against Hosei University. We denounced the role played by Hosei University as well as other universities in promoting nuclear plant construction for the profit of capital, a major driving force of this society, which was disclosed by the recent nuclear plant accident. The fundamental purpose of our struggle is to take back workplaces and universities, or

production and education, to our own hands. We are firmly determined to achieve this goal with all of our power.

We are grateful for your donation and relief goods from all parts of the world. Your solidarity with us makes us feel that workers are one in the world. We can change the whole world when we rise up in unity and solidarity!

Our determination on the occasion of the 82nd May Day 2011 is to revive unity and solidarity of workers and students and to change the society from the base.

Let's fight together!

May 7

Abolish Nuke Plant! May 7 Action Day

Chiba Central Park, 1:00 PM

Sponsored by Block the Road to War! Million Signature Campaign, Chiba Prefecture Committee

San Francisco Rally: Stop Nuke Plants In Japan And The World

May 7, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM at Japanese Consulate 50 Fremont St/Mission St. San Francisco

You can find the archive of Doro-Chiba Quake Report: <http://doro-chiba-newsletter.wordpress.com>

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

(1) PayPal Account for Donation:

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(2) Donation through the International Humanities Center (IHC):

Alternatively, donation could be made through the international Humanities Center (IHC) in each following way.

1. Checks can be made out to "People's Earthquake Relief Center / IHC" or "PERC / IHC", and mailed to the Coalition for Alternatives to Militarism in our Schools (CAMS) box: PO Box 3012, South Pasadena, CA 91031.
2. Donations can also be made on line at: <http://ihcenter.org/groups/perc>

(3) Bank Account for Donation:

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