

## Solidarity Message from Affected Area of the Earthquake

May 8, 2011

On-Site People's Earthquake Relief Center

We would like to express our strong and sincere solidarity from Sendai, the affected area of the huge East Japan Earthquake, to the participants of "2011 Meeting to Discuss and Study about Alien Registration Act, Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act and Racism".

The warmest and heartfelt support of our friends over the borders has helped us survive till today by sending us relief goods and donation as well as solidarity messages. In the affected areas, commodity economy has completely collapsed. Even though we had money, we can hardly get foods, places to live in and keep ourselves warm. Under these

circumstances, only your encouragement from all over the world has given us energy to fight to live. We owe our survival not at all to the rule of capitalism but totally to the solidarity of workers. We are most grateful to you for all that.

In the meantime, the Kan administration has carried out Japan-US military joint operation dubbed "Operation Tomodachi" (or Friendship) in the affected areas. Kan tried to enhance the credibility and feasibility of the Japan-US Security Alliance, and at the same time, step up crackdowns on people in the name of relief activities. His intention was obviously shown in the arrest of three protesting students in front of the building of Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) on March 31 during the anti-nuke demonstration.

When the Great Kanto Earthquake occurred in 1923, Japanese Imperialism murdered a great number of Korean and Chinese people living in Japan and destroyed labor movements enacting a draconian law "Maintenance of Public Order Act", and rushed headlong on the path to a war,



May Day March in downtown Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture



Gathering of signatures for petition to shutdown all nuke plants and distributing flyers of the Anti-nuke, Anti-layoff May Day, Sendai City

aggressive war on Asian countries.

Only the workers' powerful unity across borders enables us to confront the disastrous situation brought about by the East Japan earthquake and fight against imperialist's drive of discrimination and division that pave the way to war. It is the government and greedy capitalists that caused the catastrophic accident of Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Plants as an outrageous result of their participation in severe nuclear arms races and fierce resources and energy battles. We definitely and resolutely pursue their responsibility for all these disaster. We are firmly convinced that the power to

abolish all nuclear plants lies in the united struggle of workers all over the world.

We are very much encouraged by the unyielding struggles of our friends from various countries who have gathered at this rally as well as the dynamic upsurge of struggle of young workers who rose up for the Egyptian Revolution. We are given a tremendous sense of hope for the future.

We fight in our affected areas against massive unemployment and for the elimination of all nuclear plants. The Struggle of the Fired 1047

National Railway Workers who severely confront Neo-liberalism provides us the strength to keep fighting. Solidarity of workers who fight anti-war and anti-discrimination is also the engine of our struggle.

We are planning to charter super-buses to participate in the big rally of Nationwide Movement of National Railway Workers on June 5 from the affected areas of Miyagi and Fukushima.

Let's fight together and live together!

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**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:**

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 (Doro-Chiba).

1. Bank name: The Chiba Bank, Ltd
2. Bank code# in Japan: 0134
3. Branch name: Chuo Branch
4. Branch code# in Japan: 001
5. Branch address: 2-5-1 Chuo, Chuo-ku, Chiba City, Chiba 260-0013, Japan
6. Type of address: Ordinary deposit
7. Account number: 4177605  
Address of Account: 2-8 Kaname-cho, Chuo-ku, Chiba City, Chiba 260-0017, Japan  
Phone No. of Account: +81-43-222-7207
8. Account name: Kokutetsu Chiba Doryokusha Rodokumiai
9. SWIFT address: CHBAJPJT 001 4177605  
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