Doro-Chiba Quake Report

International Labor Solidarity Committee of Doro-Chiba (National Railway Motive Power Union of Chiba)

Without demolishing nuclear plants and nuclear industry workers and people can't live

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The worst level 7 reached

Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant failure has been aggravating day by day and the seriousness of the matter has been exposed in a drastic way.

On April 12, a month after the huge quake and tsunamis on March 11, the Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency (NISA) declared the upgrade of the evaluation level according to the international criteria from the previous 5 to 7, the worst level matching to the Chernobyl accident in 1986.

Even at this critical stage, Nishiyama, official of NISA insisted that the volume of diffused radioactive materials was much fewer in Fukushima than that of the Chernobyl accident. It is the worst sophistry to play down the grave situation.

Future of children threatened

It must be noted, however, that the estimated volume of the emission of the dangerous substances is in concern only with the leak into the air and the figure is likely to rise if leakage into the seawater is added. The striking difference with Chernobyl, which is located in the countryside, is that Fukushima Daiichi Plant is close to a densely populated area. Moreover, high-level radioactivity is detected in a lot of towns and villages outside the evacuation zone. Radioactive influence on children and pregnant women, who are most vulnerable to radiation, is very serious. Argent evacuation should be carried out in these areas.

It is painful to leave our children a disastrous heritage. But this is not the time to stop acting or stepping backward. Now we should go forward together. Human being and nuke can't absolutely live together. By all means all nuclear plants and nuclear weapons should be abolished all over the world. Otherwise there will be no future for children.

Stop all nuclear plants immediately

The New York Times last week reported: "United States government engineers sent to help with the crisis in Japan are warning that the troubled nuclear



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plant there is facing a wide array of fresh threats that could persist indefinitely, and that in some cases are expected to increase as a result of the very measures being taken to keep the plant stable, according to a confidential assessment prepared by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission."

On April 6, Kan administration dared to let polluted water into the sea. This dangerous measure has precipitated Japanese fishing industry into a terrible devastation to follow agriculture. We are now destined to live under the constant threat of invisible nuclear radiation permanently.

The Tohoku region and its neighboring localities have recently been hit by repeated aftershocks of considerable strength. Especially on April 7 and 11, the aftershock gave a wide-raging effect the whole Japanese peninsula. These two huge aftershocks caused a critical situation. At the Onagawa Nuclear Power Plant and Higashidori Nuclear Power Plant, external power sources were cut due to a blackout, emergency diesel generators became unavailable and cooling functions in the pool for spent nuclear fuel malfunctioned and stopped. At the Fukushima Daiichi Power Plant, external power sources were cut and cooling pumps were disrupted. The whole country was shocked at the fact that even by the earthquake of magnitude 5 or 6 every nuclear power plant in Japan has a possibility to face such a crisis like the Fukushima Daiichi Power Plant now encounters.

Organize a powerful struggle against massive unemployment!

One million jobs are going to be scrapped. To fight back, the people in the affected areas have begun to rise up.

A month after the huge quake, it is reported that a large number of people are still on the brink of starvation or left without care and medical treatment. The administrative system of Japanese ruling class remains in a total confusion. A vast extent of farmlands and fishery bases were swept away. The release of radioactive materials into the air, ocean and soil as a result of the nuclear accident has driven agriculture and fishing industry into a catastrophe. 870,000 working population in the suffering areas are now going to be thrown into a jobless situation.

To confront the situation, however, a fresh struggle has been launched to fight against massive unemployment by the headquarters of the relief activities of the Coordinating Center of Labor Unions in Sendai and Fukushima with a resolute policy.

We shall denounce the government and TEPCO and force them to stop and abolish all nuclear plants. A large group of parts manufacturing factories in Tohoku region were hit by the huge quake and forced major industrial factories to stop operating because of the lack of parts delivery. The result is expanding unemployment all over Japan.

We shall organize labor unions to fight against massive unemployment. The nationwide campaign of national railway struggle will play a pivotal role in it.

The united power of working class and people alone can create future!

Stop mass dismissal of one million under the pretext of the huge quake!

Abolish nuclear plants by the power of international solidarity!

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

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- 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
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