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Kan administration declares "Reconstruction" on the heaps of corpses of victims.

We shall never forgive Kan!

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More than 30,000 people were confirmed dead or missing and still lots and lots of people's whereabouts are unknown. We cannot help our tears falling when we see sad and depressed people standing in the rubble-covered wilderness who are desperately searching for their loved ones—husbands, wives, children, families or friends. We feel furious anger boiling up from the bottom of our hearts at the state and capitals.

April has come. Usually at this time of spring, cherry trees start to bloom and sweet breezes blow. But what happened to spring this year? Cold days have succeeded, and Tohoku district has not yet got out of frigid subzero winter. In a chilly evacuation center, only a wood-burning stove keeps the fire going all through the night. The municipal workers have already initiated autonomously to take the lead of running evacuation centers. We see a bright light here in the darkness.

Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) at last started to release large volume of water containing "low level" radioactive materials into the ocean. The company said, "It is an unavoidable measure to make room in storage tanks for even more severely contaminated water". A university professor appeared as a commentator in NHK TV news said in defense of the procedure taken by the TEPCO, "It is a necessary and unavoidable measure. There is no immediate problem for the present as the radioactive materials will become diffuse and be diluted". A fisherman cried out in front of the TV camera, "What the hell are they thinking? I shall never forgive them!"

The time has come for the farmers in Fukushima to plant the tobacco, but they are now curbing their impatience in front of their prepared nursery plants and just waiting the radiation level of soil contamination to go down. The cattle farmers are forced to insufficiently feed their cows so as to keep their cows produce less milk—the government has banned the sale of milk and the farmers are to have thrown all milk. The cows got all thin. At the same time, high radiation levels have been detected 30km outside exclusion zone. The exposure would be 10 times higher than the acceptable annual yearly level of ICRP. And an outrageous fact was revealed that the TEPCO had forced the workers who are putting their lives in danger at the stricken Fukushima nuclear plant to work without having a dosimeter!



Meanwhile, Meteorological Society of Japan shamelessly imposed a voluntary ban on its members to release the computer-prediction results of their study on the diffusion of radioactive substance in the air. For the reason it says, "It will cause confusion to the information concerning the countermeasures of our country". What a fraud!

Kan administration has completely lost its ruling power. It has massacred millions of people, kicked hundreds and thousands of people out of their resident areas with only the barest necessities and created massive unemployment. Kan and his party members are at a loss as to what to do. What is even worse, it has deprived the means of livelihood from vast numbers of farmers and fishermen. This is to crush a man's pride as a worker. With the power of working people and citizens, we should kick out Kan administration promptly.

On April 1, the prime minister Naoto Kan shamelessly declared the setting up of a new committee "Reconstruction Design Council" to work out a vision of reconstruction; "We will level parts of mountains in order to create plateaus for people to live on. Those residing in the area will then commute to the shoreline fisheries industry (it will be owned by a big capital!)." He also mentioned the possibility of collective relocation of whole regions and the

limitation of land ownership. Shame on you! While numerous working class people are suffering the direst distress, leaving them as it is, Kan appeared in a brand-new fatigue uniform at a press conference and talked about the "reconstruction" and the subsequent exploitive money-making. We shall never ever forgive him!

We share a strong anger with workers and people in the affected areas and are determined to strive hard to achieve the rebirth of the Japanese labor movement. We face up to the fluctuating situation, think out thoroughly and intensively, and fight with firm resolve.

No dismissal under the pretext of the mega earthquake!

Stop all the nuclear plants in the world immediately!

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