

### **International Joint Action in Tokyo & Seoul**

Our 20 years of solidarity building between Korean and Japanese workers has made the greatest force in preventing war in East Asia. We are determined to fight against the reactionary Korean and Japanese governments, and to do everything to thwart war. We will also defeat the repression of labor unions and further forge solidarity in the labor movement fighting to protect the lives and rights of workers. (The Joint Statement of Japanese and Korean workers adopted at the November Rally last year)

Sunday Nov. 3, 2024, noon Hibiya Open-air Concert Hall, Tokyo The Demonstration will start at 3:15 p.m.

集会特設ホームページ PR 動画・ポスター・賛同用紙など掲載



Now is the time for develop workers' solidarity across borders!

Last year, the November 19 National Workers' Rally was attended by many delegations of militant labor unions from Korea, the United States, Germany, and other countries.

Foreign residents in Japan from Palestine, Myanmar, and other countries also passionately appealed from the podium for international workers' solidarity to stop war. The governments of Japan, the United States, and Korea have rapidly escalated tensions in East Asia by forming a tripartite military alliance. Now is the time to develop workers' solidarity across borders.



[Related Event] Nov.2 International Workers Solidarity Rally

Saturday Nov. 2 1:30 p.m.

Chiba Center Building 2, F14 (Chuo 2-5-1, Chiba Dity)

# Delegations from militant unions fighting overseas will participate

### Seoul Regional Council of the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions (KCTU)

This year, we expect 21th participation of the Seoul Regional Council of the KCTU. For the first time, we are also inviting the Asahi Glass Chapter of the Metal Workers' Union. The Seoul Regional Council plays an important role in "opening up a new path for the democratic trade union movement, connecting 210,000 trade union organizations with the Seoul area." Currently, they are facing the oppression of trade unions by the reactionary Yoon Suk Yeol government of the People's Party and the Seoul city government under Oh Se-hoon, who is also a member of the same party. In September of this year, we moved our new trade union office to the Guro area, known as the "holy land of the labor movement," and are fighting for "a Seoul Regional Headquarters of 300,000 union members and a KCTU of 2 million union members."

In August this year, Asahi Glass Irregular Employees' Chapter of Korean Metal Workers Union (KMWU) won a decisive victory after over nine years of struggle for reinstatement of the union members, unjustly fired by AGC Inc. (former Asahi Glass Co.), a Japanese company. Since the very beginning of the struggle, they forged solidarity with Japanese workers and unions including Doro-Chiba and continue their organizing efforts for larger unions in Korea and for a society in which workers can live humanely.



#### **CSP-Conlutas from Brazil**

CSP-Conlutas is a national trade union center established in 2003 by 181 militant labor unions, who broke away from the collaborationist labor movement cooperated with imperialist rule such as the dispatch of Brazilian army to Haiti. It also organizes students and farmers. While fighting with strikes against dismissal by the Lula's Workers' Party government during the Great Recession, CSP-Conlutas formed ties with International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 10 in San Francisco, and Doro Chiba, both of which also fought against war, and participated together in the International Labor Conference in San Francisco in July 2009 and the November Rally in Tokyo of the same year. Doro Chiba also sent a delegation to the Conlutas Convention the following year, and visited the its affiliate unions at the GM automobile plant.



#### SI-Cobas from Italy

SI-Cobas means "National Association of workshop base committees". It represents independent labor unions, which were set up to build up militant labor unions in opposition to the surrender of system-friendly unions to neo-liberalism in the midst of convulsion after the collapse of Soviet Union and disbanding of Italian Communist Party and other at the beginning of 1990 years.

SI-Cobas has its bases mainly in logistic industries with a large number of foreign(immigrant) workers and has been fighting against brutal union busting by Fascist Melani government. On June 25, the longshore workers under the leadership of SI-Cobas completely closed 5 main ports in Genova, a northern city, for 10 hours to stop the export of weapons to Israel. To this protest action, thousands of logistic workers, who are in strike for the renewal of labor contract and others from Milano and Rome, participated, a larger number in the action in February

This action is a statement of solidarity with the Palestinian people to respond to the demand of the Palestinian labor and student organizations staying in Italy at moment of October Palestinian uprising to immediately stop the delivery of Italy-made weapons to Israel. Doro-Chiba and SI-Cobas have keeping close contact through on-line and other ways since the November Rally in 2020 received a solidarity message from SI-Cobas.



#### German Railway Workers' Network

Whether it's the issue of war or the workplace,

The two major railway unions in Germany (EVG = Rail and TransportUnion, and GDL = GermanLocomotive Drivers' Union) have been taking a stance of social partnership with the government and capital, whether on problems of war or workplace issues, and have no intention of fighting at all. The executive board of GDL, which often strikes and pretends to be militant, is essentially no different. For this reason, since last year, fighting comrades from EVG and GDL have come together and formed the German Railway Workers' Network. It has a clear anti-war and anti-capitalist standpoint, and is gradually growing into a nationwide organization. Recently, they have

issued anti-war leaflets ("We won't hand our children over to those who wage war!") with their signatures.





## Anti-Iraq War Strikes Created Solidarity Between Korean, US and Japanese Workers

Since 2003, the November Workers' Rally has developed into an international solidarity rally attended by labor union representatives from Korea and the United States. We got to know American workers through the struggle to reinstate fired 1,047 Japan National Railways' workers, and coincided with the time when international anti-war demonstrations against the Bush government's Iraq War were gaining momentum. News of the March strike by Doro-Chiba (about 600 trains stopped), which advocated anti-Iraq war, spread around the world, and in July, Doro-Chiba was invited to San Francisco, where international solidarity with unions including the ILWU (International Longshore and Warehouse Union), the strongest union in the United States, began.

Also in August 2003, the representative of the Seoul Regional Council of the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions (KCTU)--the national trade union center of South Korea---that was fighting against privatization and casualization and against the dispatch of Korean troops to Iraq, visited Japan. Doro-Chiba visited KCTU's Chair Tan Byung-ho and others in Korea in October, and a solidarity relationship with the Seoul Regional Council started. In November of the same year, an international workers' rally of Japan, Korea and the US was held at Hibiya Open-Air Concert Hall, which has fostered a strong tie between Japanese, Korean and American workers. On May 1, 2008, the ILWU launched an anti-war strike to blockade all ports on the US west coast in opposition to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. In response to the ILWU strike, dock workers at Basra, an Iraqi crude oil port, went on strike for an hour defying the bayonets of the US military .

#### Japanese and US Education Workers Against Chauvinism and War

Since then, we have formed international solidarity with education workers in Los Angeles, USA, triggered by the action of refusing to stand for the Kimigayo (national anthem) and the Hinomaru (national flag), and we also extended our relationship to Brazil, Germany, the UK, Italy, Turkey, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, the Philippines and other countries to fight against war, privatization and neoliberalism.

In 2016, we joined the struggle of the Candlelight Revolution that toppled the Park regime, and strengthened its solidarity with the Korea Railway Workers' Union, which have been fighting against privatization. Many Myanmar people living in Japan who are fighting against the military coup are also participating.

#### <集会要項>

名 称 11・3全国労働者総決起集会-改憲・戦争阻止1万人大行進

日 時 2024年11月3日(日)11時開場 正午開会

場 所 東京・日比谷野外音楽堂

賛同金 個人1口500円/団体1口1000円

(振込先) 郵便振替 00140-5-605635 国鉄千葉動力車労働組合

事務局 千葉市中央区要町 2 - 8 DC 会館 TEL043(222)7207