

*Build Up a Nation-wide Network of Labor Unions That
Fight Back Against Neoliberalism!
Reinstate 1,047 National Railway Workers!
Stop Outsourcing and Abolish Casual Employment System!
Organize International United Action Against Nuclear
Plants and Unemployment!*

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Date: Sunday, November 4, 2012

Time: 12:00 noon

Venue: Hibiya Open Air Stage, Tokyo

National Workers' All-Out Rally

Endorsed by;

- Solidarity Union of Japan Construction and Transport Workers Kansai Area Branch (Kan-Nama)
- Metal and Machinery Workers' Union in Osaka (Minato-Godo)
- National Railway Motive Power Union of Chiba (Doro-Chiba)
- Nationwide Movement against the Division and privatization of National Railway and the Reinstatement of 1,047 National Railway Workers (Nationwide Movement of National Railway Struggle)

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Call for Endorsement to and Participation in the November 4 National Workers' All-Out Rally in Tokyo

The society is rapidly changing. On July 16, nearly 200,000 workers and people participated in an anti-nuke rally in Yoyogi Park and marched through downtown Tokyo. Every Friday, one or two hundred thousand protesters gather and surround the Parliament building and the Prime Minister's Office chanting, "Stop Restart!" "Overthrow PM Noda!"

It is an expression of the profound rage of people against the very foundation of this corrupt social system. Exposed to radioactive fallout daily and hourly, mothers in Fukushima feel, "Our kids are being killed." This anger is shared by a large number of young workers who find themselves pitted each other and deprived of means of unity, labor unions by neoliberal offensives. Together with these angry people, we must organize half million or even one million people into a huge struggle.

To establish a nuclear-free society, we have to create militant labor unions ready to wage strike against nuclear power and unemployment. Revive militant labor unions that fight against neoliberalism!

Neoliberal offensive means deregulation, privatization of public services and greedy pursuit of profit for a tiny group-big capital-and devastation of the lives of working people and endless pauperization. To carry out these policies, neoliberalism resorts to brutal practice of state violence: coup d'etat, crack down with physical violence, punishment of workers, unfair labor practice and downright union busting.

During the three decades after the division and privatization of National Railways in 1980s as the first step of neoliberalism in Japan, every aspect of the society has been ruined and every promise made by big capital and the government has been revealed to be an utter lie. The most devastating example is shown by Fukushima nuclear catastrophe: the government declared at the end of 2011, "Fukushima nuclear reactors are under control in cold shutdown" and restarted Oi nuclear power plant last May. The recent bus accident on Kanetsu Expressway as well as Amagasaki railway accident in 2005 was results of the deregulation of transportation industry. In the meantime, 20 million workers have been reduced to casual workers; as a result especially young workers are now deprived of their future. Medium, small and micro enterprises have been victimized by profiteering of monopoly capital and forced to go bankruptcy, to make mass firing and to suffer from consumer tax hike.

How can we effectively fight back against these neoliberal assaults? Our focus must be on organizing more powerful Nationwide Movement of National Railway Struggle all across the country. The aim of this movement is to fundamentally oppose the Division and Privatization of National Railway, the initial offensive of neo-liberalism in Japan, and to fight for reinstatement of 1,047 dismissed national railway workers.

Doro-Chiba is now fighting against full outsourcing plan of inspection & repair jobs and disguised contract labor in JR East Company and for abolition of irregular employment system. This is the decisive battle against the business circle's scheme in which they openly declare 90 % of workforce should be casualized.

On June 29, the Tokyo District Court outrageously denied reinstatement of the Doro-Chiba members fired during the privatization process, although the court admitted that the JNR had committed an unfair labor practice by unduly deleting the names of the plaintiffs from the list of reemployment (by the privatized JR companies). Organize petition campaign for the reinstatement and win a victory at the Tokyo High Court!

Revive labor unions, fighting back in workplaces against neoliberal assaults: reactionary reorganization of local government system and union busting by Osaka mayor Hashimoto and the governmental plan of "special zones for reconstruction" (in the earthquake and tsunami stricken areas) and neoliberal assaults on municipalities, education, postal service and health care.

Learn the lessons of labor movement of Kan-Nama that organizes a broad coalition of labor unions and medium and small enterprises in ready mixed concrete industry under hegemony of Kan-Nama and fight against monopoly capital's neoliberal assaults and organize labor movements after the exemplary struggle of Kan-Nama around the country! Minato-Godo experiences in organizing workers of Osaka area across walls of individual enterprises also help all workers around the country to fight against neoliberalism that has been devastating communities. Take back communities by the power of labor unions! Strengthen general unions!

Workers in Europe and around the world are launching general strikes and taking to the streets under current Great Depression. Workers of the world, unite and fight against neoliberalism!

Fight against military bases in Okinawa! Fight together with farmers who fight against Narita Airport! Stop Trans-Pacific Partnership! Stop constitutional revision!

Organize international coordinated action on November 4 against nuclear power and unemployment!
Bring all of your struggles to Hibiya Open-air Stage on November 4.
Please endorse the November 4 Rally.

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