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Tokyo Rally to Commemorate the 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Russian October Socialist Revolution was held at Zensuido Kaikan, Tokyo on November 5, 2022. At the podium, Fujiwara Akira, member of High School Teachers Union, presented the Keynote Report.

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# Tokyo Rally Commemorating the 105th Anniversary of the Russian October Socialist Revolution From “Why” at Workplace to Socialism

YONEMARU Kasane

On November 5, the rally commemorating the 105th anniversary of the Russian October Socialist Revolution was held at the Zensuido Kaikan in Tokyo. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Soviet Union. Thirty years have passed since its collapse. In the midst of growing headwinds that are destroying the 70-year history of the Soviet Union and its significance in world history and discrediting socialism, we gathered under the unified theme of “Why do we aim for socialism?”

## Keynote report: It begins with the possibility at Workplaces

FUJIWARA Akira, who gave the keynote speech, is a teacher and member of Kanagawa High School Teachers’ Union, the Japan Teachers’ Union. Through everyday episodes, the report highlighted the reality that children’s right to learn - the right to seek the truth - is being trampled. The misfortunes created by capitalism are overflowing, such as the government and educational administration preying on children to fatten up monopoly capital such as the IT industry. In order to fundamentally change this reality, we must aim for socialism that can eliminate the logic of capitalism and meet the needs of the educational scene. The subject is the school workers who work in the field and essentially control the field. They would appeal to their colleagues about the need for a strike that best demonstrates their strength, and the problem of the situation in which they cannot call for a strike. Quoted everyday conversations with young co-working teachers were like comic dialogues, and laughter erupted from the audience. Colleagues’ attitude of “requesting” and “entrusting” to those in power also leads to the union’s contractualism. It reveals the roots of thought buried in capitalist production relations that take immediate “gain” over the pursuit of truth. Signs of change created by direct and critical

approach to this can lead to the formation of the subject body for strike.

But why is it that the possibilities of such workplaces are so hard to accept by those who lead mass movements? Even if people gather in front of the Diet building or on the streets out of ethical goodwill, unless it is linked to organized struggle at the workplace, the government and the ruling class will not feel it matters. Therefore, even though strikes and general strikes are derived as the goals and tactics of the movement, it is never realized.

The report sharply points out the reason for this as “criticism on ‘Abe politics.’” Anti-socialism and right-wing nationalism have been consistent political policies of the Japanese ruling class since before the War. Moreover, it is the ideological decadence of Japanese workers that has permitted this rampage. Therefore, we are responsible for the socialist suffering that led to the collapse of the Soviet Union. This non-class, non-scientific perception that refuses to look at the history and reality of class conflicts allows slogans bearing Abe’s name to be tolerated, and misinterprets the essence of things.

In addition, it is the xenophobic incitement by anti-Korean media reports that stubbornly prevents the formation of class consciousness among the workers. On the occasion of the DPRK missile test on October 4, a national uproar was staged. His report demonstrated, through the science of “aligning and comparing units of measure with a ruler,” that a missile that instantly takes off into outer space is something completely different from the mass media reports. This science is a way for all the have-nots to find clues of thought that expose falsehoods equally and reach the truth. It is also a method and perception for workers to make the class theory their own through their daily experiences.

While preaching the need for strikes, the report quoted Lenin's story of "Masons and Threads" from *What Should Be Done?* For one large building, everything from large stones to fine stones are gathered along a single water thread and joined together to create the desired force. This report can be said to be a contemporary "water thread". Workers, regardless of whether they are organized or non-organized, pull the straight thread of thought into their own situation, and it becomes a guideline for thinking and practicing, including the path. In order to live in the present without being entangled in the endless decadence of capitalism, it is necessary to connect with that thread. In the participant questionnaire, there were several responses that they were "encouraged". This is probably because the report proved the path to reach universality, truth, and socialism by probing the "why" of the field. (The full text of the keynote report will be published in "Internationalism" quarterly No. 6).

#### **"Three Songs about Lenin" was screened**

Next, INO Shigeo explained about the movie "Three Songs about Lenin" to be screened. The commentary explained that this film, made ten years after Lenin's death, was a record of those who were trying to transfer the means of production to working-class ownership. How have the people who inherited Lenin's will, gained multi-ethnic support, and built the Soviet Union experienced with their change?

Director Dziga Vertov's method was backed by a clear, scientific, and devotional thought to the revolution: "Do what is necessary for the revolution now." Around 1919, in the midst of the most violent counter-revolutionary civil war, he launched agitation-propaganda trains and

ships, and organized people into the revolution through leaflet making, film screenings, study groups and debates. In addition, this work was censored based on the historical background of 1938, and Stalin's speech scene at the end was added (the 1934 version did not survive, but the 1938 version that was screened survived).

What left an impression on me when I watched the film was the close-ups of the faces of the many women who won liberation through the revolution, and the montages of multi-ethnic women with different skin types such as white and yellow. Lenin believed that there would be no revolution without the emancipation of women, and had a great influence on the leader of the women's liberation movement, Klara Zetkin. The superimposed, "He gave it all to us: blood and heart," must have been the voices of the women's hearts. The faces of the workers reflected through collective farms, large factories, and electrified and modernized townscapes, and the figures that create and move society, tell the answer to the question, "Why do we aim for socialism?" As I watched the inserted scene of Stalin at the end of the film, I was reminded of the struggle the Soviet Union had to go through in the 1930s against the threat, urgency, and aggression of fascism, which sought to destroy the socialist Soviet Union. The insertion of this scene itself would be a document of the troubled times.

Then, messages of solidarity sent to the rally, translated into Japanese, were read out (published in the appendix of this issue of "Shiso-Undo"). Confirming our international solidarity with them, we sang "International" in chorus and adjourned.

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# Only one abstention on the resolution condemning the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the House of Councilors

## What prevents the normalization of the diplomatic relations between Japan and the DPRK

Talk of TAKARA Tetsumi(Member of the House of Councilors) on October 25, 2022

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On October 6, the House of Councilors unanimously adopted a resolution condemning the launch of a ballistic missile by The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (the DPRK). The Councilor Takara was the only one to abstain, citing the resolution's apparent intention to strengthen the Japan-US military alliance and justify further base burden on Okinawa by agitating the Korean threat, and its potential to incite discrimination against Koreans living in Japan. We visited him at the National Diet Building and interviewed him. (Editorial Staff)

### Abstention

I was probably the only one who abstained from voting on the "Resolution Protesting the Launch of Ballistic Missiles by the DPRK," which was passed at a plenary session of the House of Councilors on October 6. This was the first item on the agenda, and I was the only one who entered the floor after the vote (although there was one other person who only voted in favor of the resolution and left). In the case of the March 2 resolution on the Russian invasion of Ukraine, I abstained and walked out of the chamber because I entered the resolution in the middle of the vote, not at the beginning.

Every time I make a resolution in the Diet, I look carefully at the content of the resolution. I do this because if I simply look at the title of the resolution, it sounds plausible, and everyone agrees with it. In the end, they pass a resolution that seems to be in line with the government's view.

However, a resolution is the will of the Diet, so a resolution of the House of Representatives is the will of the House of Representatives, and a resolution of the House of Councilors is the will of the House of Councilors, which is different

from the will of the government. The declaration of intent issued as a single resolution in the Diet, an organ of representation, is not the same as a declaration of the government's intent. Today, I went to the House of Councilors' Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee meeting this morning to listen to the Minister of Defense. He is taking up the issue of the DPRK's missiles, but on the other hand, he is saying that he is aiming for the normalization of diplomatic relations. The question is whether this can be done properly.

Rather than immediately calling for "sanctions" on the missile issue, we need to look back at what kind of problems the DPRK has, including historical ones, and why it launched the missiles. Without settling the resolution after looking back at them, I believe that there will be no progress in the normalization of diplomatic relations between Japan and the DPRK. It is more important to inform the public of the fundamental issues, rather than simply passing a resolution to tell the public that a resolution has been passed.

### Human Rights and "Rule of Law"

However, the discussion inevitably leads short-circuiting in the direction of expanding the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty and increasing the defense budget. This is a problem. It is not right to try to deal with the missile problem by military power alone, without any diplomatic efforts at all.

This would also put tremendous pressure on the Korean residents in Japan. The Minister of Defense mentioned the phrase "human rights diplomacy" in his speech today, but it is not at all true. If we really want to normalize relations between Japan and the DPRK, we must also consider how the human rights of those living in Japan are being treated. Not only the

issue of abductions, but also the human rights situation of those who are here. There was an even worse historical problem of forced mobilization and forced labor. If the government does not study these issues and only insists on the abduction issue and hides this issue, it will not be possible to normalize diplomatic relations.

The government has always talked about the “rule of law,” but at the root of this is the guarantee of human rights. It is said that Japan has the “rule of law” and other countries do not have the “rule of law,” but Japan is not practicing the “rule of law” either. If we are talking about the “rule of law,” we must start by viewing the normalization of diplomatic relations between Japan and the DPRK as a human rights issue.

If we are talking about the “rule of law,” then we need to have a thorough discussion. My question is whether we are trying to deal with the issue by force, which I think is not the right approach. If we try to do so only by force, it will leave a tremendous bill to pay in the future. After all, that is how Japan used to be.

What is the role of the House of Councilors?

I believe that the resolutions of the House of Representatives and the House of Councilors

should be different. After all, the House of Representatives’ resolutions come from the ruling party and are basically the same. The House of Councilors, as the “House of Common Sense,” must submit this resolution in a different form. I think that the House of Councilors, if it is the “House of Good Sense,” must put it out in a different form, and add to it the intention to never tolerate hate and discrimination.

I think that there is a problem with missiles, but there is also the background. That background also needs to be considered. The government is saying that the missile fell outside the EEZ (Exclusive Economic Zone) and that the altitude was 100 kilometers, but there is some kind of agitation in this government’s statement. This kind of agitation leads to human rights violations. So I think it is the role of the House of Councilors to include in the resolution that it is not okay to take advantage of this to engage in hate and discrimination in Japan. However, the resolution itself has the contents which may incite a hate-mongering sentiment. If possible, it might be important to settle a kind of constructive resolution that will reverse the people’s mindset.

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## **JR Akabane Station discriminatory graffiti incident We protest hate crimes against Korean schools**

AKIYAMA Shin’ya

(Network supporting for the Korean schools at Tachikawa City and Machida City, URI No Kai (Our Society))

Recently, harassment and hate crimes targeting Korean schools have been occurring frequently. Although this is not the first time that vicious hate and threats have been made, I am extremely fearful that these crimes are becoming more extreme and that the school children are now in danger of their own safety.

Whenever news of the situation on the Korean Peninsula or the abduction issue is reported, the school receives threatening phone calls, more than 50 cutter blades are scattered in

front of the school gate, and the social networking sites are flooded with slanderous and derogatory remarks about the school and its children, taking advantage of anonymity. Why do Japanese people and Japanese society view Korean schools with such hostility?

### **Discrimination Incited by the Government against Korean Schools**

It is absurd to impose diplomatic issues between nations on students who are studying

their native language, Japanese language, arithmetic, and other subjects at Korean schools. The Japanese people lose their cool and make hysterical noises about even simple issues that can be easily understood by anyone with common sense, even if he or she is not an expert on political affairs. All of this is due to the vicious chronic disease of colonialism, which has been a manifestation of anti-Korean sentiment and contempt that this country has harbored since modern Japan, and the fact that the late Shinzo Abe has exercised exclusionary words, deeds, and behavior that demonize and hate Korea at every opportunity since he came to power. This is, so to speak, discrimination incited by the government against Korean schools. In 2010, Korean schools were excluded from the high school free admission system, and the state power blatantly intervened in judicial decisions, destroying the equality of the law at every turn, and repeatedly held dark trials, resulting in unjust defeats in all five trials nationwide. The judiciary effectively endorsed discrimination against Korean schools, a barbaric act. Not content to rest on its laurels, the LDP-led Abe administration has been suppressing Korean schools throughout its administration, including the exclusion of Korean schools from the free childcare system for preschool education and the revelation that the city of Saitama did not provide free masks to Korean kindergartens in the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the discrimination against Korean schools is not limited to the exclusion of Korean children from the school system and the guarantee of their rights, but has worsened to the point of threatening the lives of the children. This is a problem that cannot be overlooked. The incident actually occurred on the way to and from school.

### **Racist Graffiti Incident**

On September 9, a student on its way to school found vicious discriminatory graffiti reading “Murder Korean Association” on a banner announcing the Braille block at platform 8 of the Saikyo Line at JR Akabane Station in Tokyo’s Kita Ward. This station is used daily by many students attending Tokyo Korean Intermediate and High School located at the neighboring

Jujo Station, where an incident occurred in 1995 in which a female student’s school uniform (Chima jeogori) was ripped off while she was commuting to school.

When the student saw this graffiti, which could be considered death threats, slandering Koreans, she was shocked and confided in her parents that she was “scared.”

The school’s parents decided that they should speak out and take action, and on September 30, they expressed their outrage at the incident at a Friday action in front of the Ministry of Education. Participants of a Friday action were shocked at it.

When supporters learned of the incident, they immediately began to take action. SANO Michio, a professor at Tokyo Junshin University who supports the Korean school, went directly to Akabane Station to check the site of the graffiti. The next day, he, Mr. HASEGAWA Kazuo, a member of the Free Korean School Liaison Association, Mr. TANAKA Hiroshi, a professor emeritus at Hitotsubashi University and others went to the station to protest the fact that the discriminatory graffiti had been left on the platform for over three weeks, and demanded that the station managers prevent its recurrence and patrol the platform more thoroughly.

In response, the station managers apologized for not being able to detect the graffiti at an earlier stage. The graffiti is located on the side of a narrow passageway by the stairs of platform 8, which is a blind spot from the overhead security camera. Students of the Korean school who are in a hurry to get to school frequently use this platform to reduce the time required to get off at the next Jujo station and walk to the ticket gate. The perpetrators might have carefully researched such locations.

### **Dishonesty on the Part of the Station Managers**

On October 13, three groups in Saitama Prefecture that support Korean schools and engage in hate speech issues made a request to Aka-

bane Station.

The support groups demanded that the incident be reported to the police as destruction of property, but the station managers made the mistake of calling a cleaning company to remove the graffiti with a cleanser, which was the very evidence of a crime that should have been preserved, and stubbornly refused to accept the appeal from the support groups, saying that the evidence had disappeared and that they could not accept it. They said that they could just listen to our requests. The Akabane Police Department did not accept registration of damage, either.

It is very regrettable that neither the station managers nor the police recognize that this incident is a hate crime targeting the lives of a specific ethnic group, Korean residents in Japan, and that it is a serious human rights issue. It is extremely dishonest of the station managers to try to quickly put an end to this disturbance without learning the lessons and reflecting on the tragedy that occurred at that station 27 years ago when the native dress-like school uniform ripping incident took place.

In response to this incident, the Liaison Committee on Human Rights Law for Foreigners and the Tokyo Bar Association immediately issued a statement calling for concrete action to stop the hate crimes, and urged the Japanese government to enact the Racial Discrimination Elimination Act, including measures against hate crimes, and take urgent measures to combat hate crimes. On October 18, MOROOKA Yasuko, a lawyer, and school teachers handed a written request to the Human Rights Protection Bureau of the Ministry of Justice, demanding the prevention of and the measures against hate crimes.

### **A Society Where Hate Is Not Incited**

In 2009, the exclusionist group “Zaitokukai (Citizens Against Special Privilege of Koreans in Japan)” attacked the Kyoto Korean First Elementary School. Since then, discriminatory street protests have been frequently carried out in areas where many Koreans live and in Ko-

rean towns, threatening the daily lives of minorities.

If a small spark of hate is left unchecked, it will eventually lead to arson such as the ones occurred in the Utoro district of Kyoto, and even genocide. Social indifference is also encouraging xenophobia. In order to break out of such a serious situation, the enactment of an effective ordinance is strongly required now.

Kawasaki City was the first city in Japan to enact an ordinance that includes penalties for hate speech. Even after the enactment of the ordinance, threatening postcards from xenophobes and hate demonstrations in front of train stations still take place, but the scale of such demonstrations has been considerably reduced. Following in the footsteps of Kawasaki City, Sagami City has been moving toward the enactment of a landmark ordinance that includes a ban on hate speech without succumbing to repeated threats from xenophobes. The spread of this anti-discrimination movement has greatly encouraged the movement to change the critical situation where hate crimes frequently occur. The first step toward eradicating hate will be to increase the movement toward the enactment of effective measures in each region where Korean schools are located. A society in which young children are made aware of their Korean identity through fearful experiences of being stabbed with the brunt of discrimination must come to an end.

A parent who appealed the case at Friday’s action said, “The most important thing is to take action, to fight, and to let people know so that we can build the power to move public opinion. Those who support the school should join hands to resist discrimination and to continue to sow the seeds of friendship for the Japanese people who do not know about the Korean school.” She expressed her strong wish for coexistence.

It is a serious responsibility to build the society where hate is never incited. We should not leave the society where people never raise their voices until a hate crime occurs as it is.

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## The Oil Crisis as Seen by Merchants Should we believe the theory of environmental fundamentalism?

IWAO Kenji, Resident of Fukui Pref.

I run a small independent gas station in the countryside. We do not put up signs of oil wholesalers such as ENEOS, but purchase through our own route. This is not for the purpose of anti-monopoly, but simply to reduce the purchase cost. Currently, the government subsidizes 35 yen per liter, so if this subsidy disappears, the retail price will be more than 200 yen per liter. This is almost the only government anti-inflation measure. The mass media always reports only with the slogan "Russia's invasion of Ukraine", but it is surprisingly believed by people. According to them, everything bad, including the wind, is Russia's fault. The facts are different.

Due to the lack of investment in oil drilling, there is no room for a quick increase in production. Why? It is because the environmental fundamentalists advocating SDGs against climate change shout that oil yielding carbon dioxide is evil, so investors don't pay money out of concern for the public's reputation. This force is quite strong, and there is even an environmental "Marxist" like SAITO Kohei, who is getting popular today. They advocate the anti-growth on the grounds of environmental destruction. It's nothing more than a rehash of the Club of Rome fifty years ago.

At that time, the theory that the world would run out of oil in the future was fueled by the theory that the earth's resources were finite, and only the economic aspect of the oil majors making excess profits was pointed out. The neo-Malthusian idea that the population is too large persists to this day. Carbon dioxide reduction means population reduction. Africa and Asia are overpopulated, overproducing, resource wasting, the Third World should provide us with resources. "We" are, of course, Europe and the United States. If you write like this, it's a non-class view, and some people in Europe and the United States may be angry that the working class doesn't think so. However, almost everyone is bought by the propaganda of the mass media, including some leftists.

I've strayed far from oil, but the same is true for natural gas, and it's not because Russia closed the pipes. Since last year, Nord Stream 2 has been under the US pressure on Germany. It's apart from Ukraine. Angela Merkel planned economic development by taking advantage of the low-priced Russian energy. Olaf Scholz destroyed it himself at the command of the United States. It was an economic suicide. It's good to raise his fist based on the Russophobic national sentiments that traditionally exist in Europe, but they are destroying themselves.

But, the real cause of it is again environmental fundamentalism, led by the Green Party. Last year Europe suffered from power shortages due to the lack of wind. They tried to convert energy based on the scientifically completely wrong carbon dioxide warming theory, but it failed like a manga. Why is this happening? Is there anyone profiting from this? Yes, there are. Natural gas is usually supplied under long-term contracts. There are few spot deals. What will happen if it becomes mostly spot market? The speculative capital is overjoyed. It will be like the grain market in the United States, dominated by the mega-majors. For now, U.S. shale gas producers are making money off Russian gas supplies. After all, the United States and Europe are allies, but is the U.S. forcing them to follow a path of self-destruction? In the left-wing terminology, this is a confrontation between imperialists, but American multinational corporations pick up after collapse of the European corporations. This is the pattern of the Asian currency crisis in the 1990s. This is called bargain hunting. That's what you do in times of depression. It is said that annual utility bills in the UK are over US\$3,900 (@130yen/\$ rate), and some people are said to be frozen to death because they cannot afford gas. We must soberly look at the causes and consequences of the energy crisis.

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## **Kishida administration reverts to pre-“3.11” We will not allow a national policy nuclear power plant to prepare for serious accidents!**

NAKAMURA Yasuko

### **New Source for Money: GX**

The Basic Policy for Economic and Fiscal Management and Reform (Basic Policy) 2022, approved by the Kishida Cabinet on June 7, lists five priority areas for investment. One of them is investment in "Green Transformation (GX)", which is working to realize a decarbonized society through public-private partnerships. It seems that they are considering carbon pricing schemes and GX economic transition bonds (provisional name) for public and private investment exceeding 150 trillion yen (US\$1.15 trillion @130yen/\$ rate). In short, it seems that the purpose is to move huge amounts of money.

On July 27, the government launched the GX Executive Committee (chaired by Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio). The executive committee consists of relevant ministers and thirteen industry experts (including YOSHINO Tomoko, Chairperson of the Rengo (Japanese Trade Union Confederation)). It is aiming to reverse the trend of “denuclearization” after the accident at TEPCO Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant at the occasion of the Great East Japan Earthquake of March 11, 2011, and to return to the “nuclear power renaissance”. It said it would compile a roadmap for decarbonization by the end of 2022.

At the 2nd GX Executive Meeting on August 24, Prime Minister Kishida instructed that, regarding nuclear power, the collective efforts of those involved in restarting nuclear power must be mobilized, the use of existing nuclear power plants would be mobilized, such as extending the operating period, and next-generation innovative reactors would be developed and constructed etc. Using the Ukrainian crisis as an excuse, he cried out, “Electricity shortages and the need for nuclear power,” and is trying to secure political stability in response to the demands of the financial cir-

cles that have been accumulated over the past ten years. Kishida’s “hearing power” is demonstrated for the financial circles.

Next-generation nuclear power plants (innovative light water reactors, small modular reactors, high-temperature gas-cooled reactors, fast breeders, nuclear fusion reactors) are still under development and are expected to take at least 20 to 50 years to reach practical application, and research and development costs will continue to be incurred during that time. It's convenient for developers.

Until now, the nuclear power administration has disguised itself as science and technology to deceive people, consistently ignored public opinion, and trample victims when severe accidents occurred. Taking advantage of the national policy, those who promote nuclear power will never want to give up the nuclear power plant and nuclear fuel cycle business, which can use ample financial resources in the form of taxes and electricity bills, and will definitely want to jump on the construction of next-generation nuclear power plants.

The government probably thinks that even if the next severe accident occurs, it will calm down in a decade like Fukushima Daiichi's.

### **What to do with nuclear waste**

The biggest irresponsibility in nuclear power administration is the issue of radioactive wastes. It has been said for a long time that the problem is an “apartment without a toilet” and a “100,000-year talisman,” but not one inch has been resolved, and the situation is only getting worse.

A huge amount of radioactive waste is generated by the convergence and decommissioning work at Fukushima Daiichi. Any further increase in radioactive waste must be suppressed

as much as possible. The government considers spent fuel from nuclear power plants to be re-processed and used as a resource. It is the responsibility of the current generation to abandon the nuclear power plant/nuclear fuel cycle route, stop the further operation of nuclear power plants, and prevent the increase of nuclear waste. It's cowardly to put off the problem and try to get away with it. We must not let the uncontrollable increase in dangerous substances go unchecked and impose them on future generations.

### **What was meant by “Country at the forefront”**

Prime Minister Kishida said that in addition to the ten nuke reactors that have been restarted so far (Mihama No. 3, Takahama No. 3 and No.4, Ōi No. 3 and No. 4, Ikata No. 3, Genkai No. 3 and No. 4, Sendai No. 1 and No. 2), seven reactors (Tokai No. 2, Onagawa No. 2, Kashiwazaki-Kariwa No. 6 and No.7, Takahama No. 1 and No.2 and Shimane No.2) would be operated in and after summer 2023. TEPCO immediately announced that the restart of Kashiwazaki-Kariwa No. 7, which had been hit by a series of scandals, would be operated in July 2023.

The 6th Strategic Energy Plan aims to provide 20-22% of the power generated by nuclear power plants, but 17 reactors are not enough for that purpose. The eight reactors under examination by the Council (Tsuruga No. 2, Tomari No. 1-3, Higashidori No.1, Hamaoka No. 3 and No.4, Shiga No. 2) also need to be restarted. Therefore, the government will restart them at any cost. However, it does not show what to do specifically. Do they use secret techniques that cannot be revealed? Perhaps the government will intervene in the examination of the NRA, which is a highly independent Article 3 committee, to speed up (relax regulations)? It is said that the government would like to take the lead in gaining the understanding of the local people so that the electric power companies can gain the consent of the local people, but it sounds very dangerous.

It is the duty of local governments within a 30-kilometer radius to create an evacuation

plan for a nuclear power plant accident, and without an evacuation plan, restarting operations will not be permitted. It is actually extremely difficult to formulate an effective evacuation plan, but the government does not have a mechanism to review evacuation plans, and the government, which prioritizes restarting operations, does not care if it is not a decent evacuation plan. It seems they are urging the local governments saying, “A plan must be there, whatever it is.”

In March 2021, the Mito District Court decided to suspend the operation of the Tokai No. 2 Nuclear Power Plant, stating that “there is still far from an evacuation plan and a system to implement it, and the disaster prevention system is extremely inadequate.” It is necessary to create a mechanism to review evacuation plans, with emphasis on the court judgment.

### **Oppose extension of operation period and new construction/expansion!**

The Nuclear Reactor Regulation Law stipulates that the operating period of a nuclear power plant is 40 years, which can be extended only once for a period not exceeding 20 years. At present, there are four nuclear power plants (Takahama No. 1 and No. 2, Mihama No. 3, and Tokai No. 2) that have been approved for operation extensions of 20 years beyond 40 years.

The government has started to consider how to extend the operation of existing nuclear power plants (plans to extend the current maximum period of 60 years, plans to exclude the period of suspension from the Council's review, etc.).

If the operation of aging nuclear power plants exceeding 40 years old and the construction of new nuclear power plants are stopped, there will be no nuclear power plants in operation nationwide in 2049. The government should stop the nuclear power policy and make power saving a national policy!

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## Messages from the foreign countries to Tokyo Rally Celebrating the 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Russian October Revolution

At the Tokyo Rally Celebrating the 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Russian October Revolution, we received the messages from the Embassy of the Republic of Cuba in Japan, the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Japan, the Korea Labor Social Science Institute, the Communist Party of Greece, the World Federation of Trade Unions and International and

Unification Section of the Central Office of General Association of Korean Residents. All of them were translated into Japanese, printed and delivered to all attendants of the Rally. Following are the three solidarity messages received in English.

Editorial office

### Messages to Tokyo Rally Celebrating the 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Russian October Revolution From the Republic of Cuba

**The Cuban Revolution was nourished by the ideas, spirit, and principles that emanated from the experience of the Russian October Revolution**

Miguel Angel Ramirez Ramos  
Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba in Japan

Dear Comrades:

On the occasion of the 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the triumph of the Great October Socialist Revolution, I would like to express Cuba's deep recognition of Shido Undo's activities in defense of peace and the rights of the working class.

The Great October Socialist Revolution was one of the most important events in the contemporary history of humanity. This milestone, as well as the influence of its leader Vladimir Ilich Lenin and the Bolsheviks, had great influence in many countries in Europe, Latin America, Africa and Asia, including Japan. The Great October Socialist Revolution also contributed to the defeat of fascism during World War II.

For Cuba, this historic event had a special meaning after the revolutionary triumph of January 1, 1959, because in the face of the hostility and isolation imposed by the US gov-

ernment, the USSR extended its solidarity to the island. Likewise, the Cuban Revolution was nourished by the ideas, spirit, and principles that emanated from that experience.

Cuba values positively the practice of proletarian internationalism and does not renounce the construction of socialism.

I reiterate my best wishes and gratitude for your support to put an end to the economic, financial and commercial embargo imposed by the United States on the Cuban people, which was recently overwhelmingly condemned by the United Nations.

Kind regards,

Miguel A. Ramírez  
Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba in Japan  
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### Messages to Tokyo Rally Celebrating the 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Russian October Revolution From the Republic of Greece

**The communists and the working class all over the world have been struggling for socialism—communism**

Athens, November 1, 2022  
International Relations Section of the Communist Party of Greece

Dear comrades,

We salute the rally you are organizing in honour of the 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great So-

cialist October Revolution in Russia in 1917. The October Revolution was a momentous event that marked the dawn of a new historical era, the passage from capitalism to socialism–communism.

Our era is the era of transition from capitalism to socialism–communism. The counter-revolution does not change its character. On the contrary, it confirms it. The basic contradiction between the social character of production and labour and the capitalist appropriation of their results, i.e. the contradiction between capital and labour, is sharpening. It has reached unprecedented proportions and must be resolved by the socialist revolution.

This year also marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union. The USSR has marked every great step of humanity forward, the inevitable path towards its liberation from the shackles of exploitation. It has been a beacon of labour movements throughout the world, a support for the oppressed against colonialism, a leader of the struggle of the peoples that crushed Nazism–fascism, at the forefront of the struggle for the emancipation of women. Its achievements, and the results of its overthrow, expose the bourgeois and opportunist forces that mock and try to smear its historical contribution.

The USSR and socialism were overthrown “from within and from above”, in conditions of an opportunist erosion of the CPSU, in a course attempting to tackle problems of socialist construction by using capitalist tools and elements of the “market”, thus altering and undermining the principles of socialist construction. In this framework, a social stratum was developed, whose interests did not fit into socialism; and this was expressed at a party, state, and polit-

ical level.

That is why we reject views that glorify the so-called market socialism, which leads to the negation of the principles of socialization of the means of production and central scientific planning, adopts the capitalist criterion of profit, and legitimizes the exploitation of the working class by capital.

The capitalist system is riven by competition leading to imperialist wars and interventions, the intensification of exploitation, and the expansion of poverty and unemployment. The imperialist war in Ukraine that is being waged between the USA-NATO-EU and capitalist Russia is part of the competition between the Euro-Atlantic camp and the emerging Euro-Asian camp led by China and Russia. The tendency of its escalation and extension into your region is also related to the conflict between the USA and China for supremacy in the imperialist system.

The communists and the working class all over the world have waged heroic struggles under their own banner, that is, the struggle for socialism–communism. Following this path, which was opened by the October Revolution, the communist movement can overcome the ideological, political, and organizational crisis it is facing, based on Marxism–Leninism, proletarian internationalism, the defence of the principles of socialist revolution and construction, and proceed to harmonize its strategy with the needs of the class struggle.

With comradely greetings

The International Relations Section of the  
Central Committee of KKE  
(Headline by the editorial office)

**Messages to Tokyo Rally Celebrating the 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Russian October Revolution  
From the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU)**

**The October Socialist Revolution showed a new and only essential way to achieve social justice and eliminate man-by-man exploitation.**

October 18, 2022

**The Secretariat of the World Federation of Trade Unions**

Dear comrades,

The oppressed and downtrodden overcame dif-

ficulties, adversities, hardships, tragedies, and in conditions of complete disorganization caused by the ongoing First World War over-

threw the Tsarist regime and transformed the bourgeois-democratic revolution into a socialist one. The October Socialist Revolution sparked hope in the hearts of exploited workers all over the globe, it showed a new and only essential way to achieve social justice and eliminate man-by-man exploitation.

The WFTU on behalf of its 105 million members around the globe honors the achievements of the Great October Socialist Revolution. The principles of the October constitute a beacon toward the liberation of humanity from the shackles of capitalism and imperialism, and the struggle continues.

We continue the daily struggle for the emancipation of the working class, we seek a world where humans will be free and where workers will not be forced to wage slavery, barely surviving daily difficulties, while the capitalists sow all the fruits that workers planted. We fight for a world free of imperialist wars and antagonism resulting in chaos, destruction, and death all over the world.

We struggle for a world where workers meet their contemporary needs, and where they will have full rights in labor, social justice, education, and health care. We fight for a better world for all human beings regardless of their

nationality, color, race, or religion.

Our struggle is a duty of great importance, especially in this crucial period while the capitalist crisis follows one another, and those who produce everything are striving every day for survival and they are getting fed up with this situation they cannot afford any more the skyrocketing living conditions and the unstoppable rise of essentials. The burden of this new crisis once again is attempted to be shouldered by the workers and ordinary people while those who were reaping the profits and the wealth, now are demanding the losses to be shared.

The WFTU salutes your rally that is taking place on the occasion of the 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Russian October Socialist Revolution and we assure you that the workers struggling for just demands and interests can always rely on the support and solidarity of the international class-oriented trade union movement.

Long live the struggle for a society free of man-by-man exploitation

With comradely greetings

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