

Abolish All Nuclear Plants Immediately!

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On August 6th, 66 years after the atomic bombing on Hiroshima, we declare here to rise up for a fresh struggle to abolish immediately all nuclear plants once and for all by combined anger of Fukushima and Hiroshima!

What happened in Fukushima is nothing but “the third atomic bombing”. Immediately after the outbreak of the earthquake, Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Plants began to melt down and resulted in explosion of four of the reactors. As a result, a huge amount of deadly fallout that is dozens of times larger than that produced by atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima, has been released over Fukushima and the East Japan area to the whole world. Radioactive materials are still now being emitted endlessly from the wrecked reactors. We are experiencing the worst catastrophe ever in the human history.

The government and the Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) are shamelessly repeating, “There is no immediate influence on health”. Do they pretend to have forgotten that the atomic bomb victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki are still suffering from the atomic bombs diseases and even dying after scores of years of the disaster?

Prime Minister Kan, who boldly came here to Hiroshima today, is the very person who, together with the whole administrative organizations and the TEPCO, has concealed the facts about the nuclear plant disaster and its aftermath and has exposed 2 million Fukushima Prefecture inhabitants and among them especially three hundred thousand children to the extreme danger of radioactive contamination. They still let radioactive contamination spread all over Japan and pay no attention to aggravating internal exposure of a large number of population. Nuclear plant disaster has deprived farmers of their farmland and their cattle. Their lives are completely destroyed and many of them are even driven to commit suicide without being given compensation. We remember that the atomic bomb victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, including their second generation, were totally abandoned by both of Japanese and US administrations in their terrible situation. The same policy of neglecting people in anguish is now repeated by the present Japanese government. We denounce them with mounting anger.

“Give us back Fukushima!” “We shall never let radioactivity destroy our future”. Fukushima people are furious and raising their voices vehemently. They have been precipitated into “a nuclear hell” all of a sudden. Their demands are absolutely justified. Their anger is perfectly identical with that of the atomic bomb victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and their second generation, who courageously rose up from the ruin produced by the horrible atomic bombing 66 years ago with a bitter cry, “Give us back human being!” This voice is echoing with the cries, “Give us back Fukushima!” “Give us back our homeland” “Give us back our workplace” “Give us back our cattle, farmland, sea” “Give us back our future” “Give us back what used to be” “Defend the lives of children”.

We are firmly determined never to step back till our demands are completely met. We shall let the government, politicians, TEPCO, business circle and bribed scholars take full responsibility for what happened in Fukushima.

Atomic bombs and nuclear plants are one and the same . Anti-nuke movement and anti-nuclear plant movement is identical. Nuclear energy was discovered and developed in order to create a weapon of massacre of workers and people. Heat of several thousand degrees centigrade, subsequent terrible enormous blast and radioactivity emitted from the atomic bombs burned and destroyed inhabitants and the whole cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in an instant! Confronted with violent anger of the atomic bombs victims, US as well as Japanese imperialists fabricated a story of “Atoms for Peace” (peaceful use of nuclear power) and developed nuclear plants in order to maintain exclusive possession of nuclear power and prepare for nuclear armament.

Nuclear plants are barely sustained by workers who are forced to work in a horrible condition under permanent exposure to radioactivity. A large amount of plutonium, raw material for atomic bombs, and also mortal fallout are daily produced by nuclear reactors. What is a society that depends upon a dangerous energy resource, such as nuclear power? Such society that exists only at the sacrifice of workers is not a humane society but a reversed society.

There are someone that criticize us; “The demand of immediate stoppage and abolition of nuclear plants is unrealistic”. OK, well, do you mean by that it is “realistic” to maintain the society that exposes workers to radioactivity and throw them out after using them up as simple tool?

We firmly declare that nuclear plants born out of atomic bombs are hundred percent evils. Therefore all nuclear plants must be abolished immediately and once and for all. There is no other choice.

The struggle of working class has a key position to stop and decommission nuclear plants. The essential role in this struggle should be played by young workers, who have been deprived of unity, divided and forced to accept irregular jobs under low wage and that always under the threat of unemployment. They have been obliged to work in nuclear plants under heavy radioactive exposure.

Young workers, however, have begun to rise up at the forefront of the widespread struggle against nuclear plants. When they succeed in revitalizing militant labor movement and labor unions in the struggle against nuclear plants and mass unemployment, all nuclear plants will be stopped.

This struggle shares the common agenda with the workers of the whole world. They are raising their voices, “Fukushima warns” “Stop all nuke plants immediately!” We are united in these slogans with workers and people all over the world. Let’s establish international solidarity in the struggle against nuclear plants and unemployment. Hiroshima is determined to stand at the forefront of this struggle and call on workers and people for international solidarity.

This summer is the decisive moment to abolish and decommission all nuclear plants. Now is the time to drive to the corner those liars, the government and all electric power companies, and to put an end to nuclear plants.

We should not be beguiled by the false policy of “gradual step-down” from the nuclear energy. There is no time to lose to knock them down. We are confronted with imminent situation. Let’s raise our angry voices! Let’s rise up for action! All workers, farmers, fishermen and mothers of the world, unite!

Give us back Fukushima!

No more Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Fukushima!