

Domestic Resolutions of the 40th ZENKO Conference 2010 <brief version>

Militarist and neo-liberalist policies for the sake of profit maximization on the part of global capitalism have gone bankrupt. Global capitalism and the governments, however, are trying to regain lost ground by passing their account bills on to the workers and citizens in the occupied countries and the world, and continue war and occupation as well as deregulations and massive dismissals.

But people have already started to fight back. The Obama administration has come under pressure to shift its neo-liberalist policies faced with anger of the people. It has been forced to partially withdraw its combat troops from Iraq. In Britain and Netherlands, Inquiry Committees on Iraq War have been set up and war crimes have been condemned.

In Japan, the ruling Democratic Party of Japan suffered a crushing defeat in the late Upper House election. People rejected the neo-liberalist lines put forward by the Kan administration. We struggle in solidarity with IFC, IVAW, and all the other comrades of the world to realize peaceful and democratic society. Let us act. It is possible to radically change the militarist and neo-liberalist lines of global capitalism that causes war and poverty.

We resolve as below.

1. Let us realize immediate and unconditional removal of Futenma Air Base in Okinawa, oppose J-US bilateral move to strengthen their military alignment and stop expansion of US military exercises and functions of bases, launch a campaign to lobby No-base, No-JUS-alliance resolutions through councils of local autonomous entities to review the J-US joint communique signed on May 28, enhance campaigns to remove US bases from Okinawa, where air missions are sent out to Iraq and Afghanistan, realize a Dugong sanctuary instead of a new military base there.
 - ① In solidarity with the struggles of Okinawa people, let us scrap the bilateral agreement on the relocation of Futenma Air Base, launch a campaign to lobby No-base, No-JUS-alliance resolutions through councils of local autonomous entities, expose the illegality of Futenma Air Base as well as the newly planned base in terms of Geneva Conventions.
 - ② Let us support and bring a victory to the anti-base candidate in the upcoming Okinawa gubernatorial election in November.
 - ③ Let us stage a rally and demonstration on the occasion of Obama's visit to Japan in November to demand the removal of Futenma Air Base.
 - ④ Let us launch a petition campaign nationwide to demand the removal of the base and get together in the action to lobby the government in autumn.
 - ⑤ Let us press the government to implement the recommendation made by IUCN, and realize a Dugong sanctuary in Henoko Oura Bay instead of building a new military base.
2. Let us expand citizens' initiatives for Non-Defended Locality Campaign in more than 100 local autonomous bodies invoking provisions in Geneva Conventions prescribing the principle of separation between military and civilian affairs. Let us seek in the locality the possibility of Asian peoples' security without relying on military treaty.
3. In solidarity with IFC and IVAW, let us end the occupation and realize the immediate withdrawal of all the occupying forces from Iraq. Let us press the government to set up a third-party committee to inquire into Iraq War.
 - ① Let us demand to set up Inquiry Committee and win apology and compensation for Iraqi people from the Japanese government. Let us promote signature-collecting-campaign demanding to set up the committee. Let us lobby parliamentary members for setting up the committee, and organize meetings and video showings in the parliament. Let us lobby for a written opinion in local assemblies. Let us organize citizens' meetings nationwide.
 - ② Let us continue the screening campaign of Sana TV and Iraq War verification videos with a goal to have 10000 people attendance.
 - ③ Let us stop Japanese and international oil major companies from grabbing Iraqi oil. Let us launch protest campaigns against the government and the oil companies.
 - ④ Let us stage campaigns to remove US military bases from Okinawa which provide frontline bases to send out missions to Iraq and Afghanistan. Let us win a success in organizing a meeting to demand to set up the Inquiry Committee on Iraq War in December in solidarity with IFC, IVAW, and Okinawa.
 - ⑤ In March, 2011, let us organize a mass rally and demonstration to end the occupation, to set up the Inquiry Committee, to remove Futenma base, and to stop the construction of a new base.
 - ⑥ Let us promote the sales of photo book 'Survive, resisting the Iraqi occupation' (compiled by Iraq Peace TV in Japan) with an aim of selling 2000 copies and help advance the campaign to set up the Inquiry Committee.
 - ⑦ On the International Women's Day of March 8, 2011, let us have an event to protect life and human rights of Iraqi women in solidarity with IFC women's bureau. .
 - ⑧ Let us enhance a campaign to ban depleted uranium weapons by exposing their hazardous nature and realize compensation for the victims.
4. Let us publicize SANA satellite TV in the international community, and increase the viewer membership of Iraq Peace TV in Japan.

- ① Let us achieve our goal of gaining 1500 viewer membership of Iraq Peace TV in Japan and continue to help develop Iraq SANA TV. Let us continue to send monthly donation of 200,000 yen to SANA TV staff in Baghdad. Let us gain support for SANA TV in Korea and in the US.
 - ② Let us create a unique citizens' media movement in the Media Studio SANA which is the home ground of Iraq Peace TV in Japan.
 - ③ Let us start a screening campaign of 'Let's remove all the military bases – solidarity among Iraq, US, and Okinawa' which will be produced by Iraq Peace TV in Japan with the aim of gaining 10000 viewer attendance.
5. Let us stop multinational corporations from dismissing massive workers, win victories in all the labor disputes. Let us abolish Worker Dispatching Law that is the cause for low wages and precarious employment. Let us establish the principle of direct employment as well as of pay equity. Let us campaign for establishing 'Workers' Charter for Banning Discrimination and Demanding Equal Treatment' based upon international standards, and transform this society ridden with irregular employment. Let us win victory in all the labor disputes including Mr. Yoshioka's case against Panasonic, and realize reinstatement of dismissed workers. Let us bring the case to the UN Committee of International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights by delegating Mr. Yoshioka to Geneva.
 6. Let us set up socially open offices in local communities that offer us bases for campaigns to transform our communities against neo-liberalism. Let us support dismissed and unemployed workers' job creating efforts and advance and develop workers' cooperative movement as part of our campaign for changing local communities.
 7. Let us create national students' and youth campaigns against war and poverty in solidarity with IVAW, IFC, Okinawa, and temporary workers.
 - ① Let us keep our relationship with young members of IFC and IVAW, learn from them, and organize on campus screenings of Iraqi Sana videos or exhibitions of Iraqi children's paintings. Let us organizer a nationally coordinated actions by staging Iraq picture exhibitions and screening meetings. Let us join the campaign for setting up Inquiry Committee on Iraq War.
 - ② Let us campaign for removing military bases from Okinawa that have sent our missions to Iraq and Afghanistan. Let us join the signature-collecting-campaign for protection of Dugong and removal of military bases in Okinawa. Let us join the lobbying action in the parliament this autumn.
 - ③ In December, let us organize a national meeting of students and youth to share their experiences. Let us start screening campaign of 'Let's remove all the military bases – solidarity among Iraq, US, and Okinawa' and plan a solidarity tour to visit IVAW.
 8. Let us establish a public social security system that provides necessary and accessible welfare services. Let us demand to shift from the present system relying on social insurance, which exclude poor people, to a system based on government spending.
 9. In order to find a way out of the present collapsing healthcare system, let us oppose closure and privatization of public hospitals. Let us demand to increase public spending on healthcare, and create a system where patients can receive really necessary medical treatment. Let us oppose healthcare policies to secure profits for giant medical companies.
 10. Let us develop citizen media in our communities and help transform this society of war and poverty. Let us hold the third International video festival against war and poverty in April 2011. Let us continue and strengthen our relationship with SANA TV of Iraq, Labor Beat of USA, citizen media movement in Korea. Let us translate our videos into other languages and send them out into the international community.
 11. Let us stop elitist and discriminatory education that promotes militarist nation building and create local communities where Convention on the Rights of the Child is fully utilized. Let us demand to immediately apply free education to Korean high schools in Japan. Let us press the Japanese government to abide by the recommendations issued by the UN committee on the Rights of the Child. Let us hold an international symposium in the spring of 2011 on guaranteeing all the children's rights and demanding the government to fulfill the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
 12. Let us demand to broaden the moratorium system in paying back the student loan and establish scholarship system in order to secure equal opportunity in education.
 13. Let us work to create Free Space where the rights of children are respected and children can enjoy themselves.
 14. Let us successfully stage the nationwide tour of newly produced musical of Gettou no Hana Kabudan, 'Declaration of Hope for the Working Poor – Freedom – I am a human being', starting on December 5, 2010 in Osaka, and February 27, 2011 in Tokyo.
 15. Let us win a law suit filed by the Indonesian locals victimized by the Japanese ODA funded construction of Koto Panjan dam in Sumatra Island. Let us organize an international meeting against ODA.

16. Let us win a comprehensive solution of war compensation issues lying between the two countries in the 100th anniversary of the start of colonizing Korea by Japan, and move forward to creating peaceful and democratic East Asian Community.
17. Let us participate in and bring success to the International Children's Peace Festival to be in Manila, in January 2011.
 - ① In solidarity with AKCDF's Peace Declaration for Children, let us campaign for enhancing children's rights in our communities and participate in the Peace Festival.
 - ② Let us organize, in 2011, AKAY Peace Concerts to support AKCDF and create peaceful communities.

We will work hard to implement the above resolved actions, and will meet again in the 41st ZENKO conference to be held on July 30th and 31st of 2011 in Tokyo.

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