

## International Declaration of the 40th ZENKO Conference in Osaka 2010

Global capitalism has not only been unable to cope with global depression that was triggered by Lehman Brothers' collapse in September 2008, but it has also invited further crises in Greece and elsewhere. It is now clear to everyone that neo-liberalist lines have failed.

While greatly expanding war spending in Iraq and Afghanistan, no support has been gained from Iraqi and Afghan people, and the militarist policies of global capitalism are in a deadlock.

Global capitalism, however, is clinging to its neo-liberalist and militarist lines, and continues to impose them upon workers and citizens of the world. The U.S. maneuvers to stay in Iraq by constructing permanent U.S. military bases there, and tries to secure the Lion's share of Iraqi oil resources. The US has greatly increased its military presence in Afghanistan, and continues to kill Afghan civilians indiscriminately. On the other hand, global capitalism, in order to maximize its profit, continues to attack workers and citizens of the world with dismissals, wage-cuts, and scrapping social welfare system.

It is time for workers, students, and citizens of the whole world to stand in solidarity in their struggles to end the neo-liberalist and militarist lines of global capitalism, and to make history for themselves.

1. In solidarity with IFC and IVAW, let us demand the immediate withdrawal of all the occupying forces from Iraq and Afghanistan, and put an end to militarist lines of global capitalism. In order to realize it, let us mount pressure on respective governments to set up inquiry committees on Iraq war.
2. Let us remove all the military bases from Iraq, Afghanistan, Okinawa, and elsewhere around the globe.
3. Let us firmly stand in solidarity with IFC which struggles in pursuit of the establishment of a non-ethnic, secular, and democratic government in Iraq. Let us support SANA Satellite TV that sustains the struggles of IFC.
4. Let us launch an international protest campaign directed toward major oil companies and respective governments to stop illegal looting of Iraqi oil resources.
5. Let us strengthen international solidarity among workers in protest against massive dismissals of workers and deregulatory policies. Let us work hard to strengthen our struggles to abolish temporary work and irregular employment. Let us protest the suppression inflicted upon Iraqi oil workers by Al-Maliki government and the US military, and strengthen international support for Iraqi workers' struggles to abolish anti-worker Decree 150-151, which were enacted under Saddam Hussein's regime. Let us launch international protest campaigns against Panasonic Corporation, which illegally terminates many workers including Mr. Yoshioka.
6. To create peace, let us strengthen the peoples' movement against war and poverty by implementing the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child worldwide.

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Also endorsed by all the other participants in the 40th ZENKO conference held in Osaka

Note; Ryou Mi Hee from Korea stated that in order to make this declaration effective she would invite her affiliated member organizations and groups to discussion and start implementing it wherever it is possible to.