

# Nation-wide Campaign by JRU7 is now in progress

No.17 May 20, 2009 6778 flyers to the citizens, in west Tokyo

This is the rally held at Musashino Public Hall in the city. The rally was organized by the Support Association of Santama and Tachikawa region. It was inadmissible that police vans and plainclothes policemen were monitoring the hall. 350 people including 80 citizens joined the rally.



On behalf of the Support Association, Mr. Ishigami gave us an address of solidarity. Then so did Mr. Inuma, General Secretary of the organization. They called for further solidarity among people in order to win the case.

Brother Uehara talked as follows: “At that time I was a teacher of Mr. Y, an alleged victim in the case. Mr. Y told me that he didn’t want to be involved in union activities, and presumed he might clash with me in the future. Even though he said such things, I liked him because he was my student. I sincerely tried to teach him, but he continued to tell a lie to his friends. I repeated discussion with him, as I wanted him to be a full-fledged driver, as well as a socialized man. The discussion was considered a crime.” He condemned the unfair judgment which viewed everyday conversation and union activities as a crime. Furthermore, based on the judgment JRU7 were dismissed in disgrace. He continued, “Brother Yanaji is less than a month away from his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, the day of his retirement. At any price I would like Brother Yanaji to drive his last run. In order for him to do so, we must win.”

In the rally, members of “Triangle” gave a performance of handbell.



Handbell performance

We prepared many flyers. A total of 104 union members of JREU Mitaka Car Depot sub-branch handed out 2000 flyers from May 11 to 15. On 19 May, 20 members of Tachikawa Drivers Depot sub-branch distributed 778 self-made flyers, and on 20 May, 80 members distributed as many as 4000 flyers.