

# Nation-wide Campaign by JRU7 is now in progress

No.26 May 26 - 27, 2009 Rallies in Osaka, Okayama and Hiroshima

Today we are in western region of Japan. On May 26 we had a rally at Suita Thanks Hall in Osaka city. 130 people including union members, retirees and family members joined the rally. Brother Uehara, Brother Saito told us their struggle and declared their resolution to fight on. Participants voiced on the case of Gamagoori Station. Some of them touched on the fighting of Mr. Matsushita, a conductor of the derailed and crashed train on April 25, 2005, who has launched a regal action over his reinstatement.

On the same day In Okayama region, a rally was held with more than 120 union members. Brother Oguro and Brother Yanaji went to the rally. They reported their struggle which lasted more than 6 years. Before the rally 25 members of JRFU and 36 unionists of West Japan Railway Workers' Union waged a street campaign and distributed 500 flyers to call for support.

The next day, on May 27, we had a rally in Hiroshima, the city which experienced the devastation of atomic bombing. One of the members of the organizing committee said, "Attack on JRU7 is the same one as given to peace movement." A representative of anti-nuclear movement group urged that trade unions should fight to preserve peace. Brother Saito and Brother Uehara attended the meeting to talk about their struggle since JR East gave them a dishonorable discharge.

