

# Nation-wide Campaign by JRU7 is now in progress

No.6 May 13, 2009 "I couldn't betray Brothers," Oguro said in Nagano



The 6<sup>th</sup> gathering named "May 13 Rally in Hokushin region to learn from JR Urawa Case" was held in Nagano city. 95 people including unionists, family members, retirees and JRFU members got together at Minami Chitose Community Center.

Brother Oguro

Brother Oguro, one of JRU7, stated the truth as "I heard that recently Y (alleged victim) said he clearly remembered the period when he was in JR Urawa Depot. But in the trial he deceived us, saying that he had forgotten everything when asked inconvenient reality," and "We had never forced him to leave the union. He himself said that he would withdraw from JREU rather than submit himself to the union action to write a postcard (to Kokuro members)."

He revealed prosecutors' investigation, how he was driven into a corner and then recovered his energy for fighting in the jail. The interrogation lasted as long as 10 hours in one day, and prosecutors threatened him as "You must be in jail for twenty more years. Unless the deposition was completed, we can't admit you to bail. JREU will not defend you." One of them told him to serve as a prosecution witness and speak in the court as "I followed Yanaji's instruction." "I rejected," he continued, "because I couldn't betray my Brothers and join the enemy." He was detained for 344 long days. He was not allowed to have visitors. He concluded his speech, saying, "Thanks to encouragement from fellow workers all over Japan, I have kept going to the end."