

Nation-wide Campaign by JRU7 is now in progress

No.7 May 13, 2009 “Rise and work hard to win!” Rally in Chiba



Marching in the city

On May 13 we also have another rally in Chiba. Nearly 300 workers and citizens gathered at Shogai Gakushu Center (Lifelong Learning Center) to join the rally.

Before that, in front of the major stations, at 8:00 a.m. and at 2:00 p.m., 140 unionists and supporters distributed flyers with pocket tissue to call for unjustness of JR Urawa Case. The sum total of the flyers handed out to the public was 5,000. Some called to us, saying, “Don’t give up!” or “What can I do for them?” Among them one person gave us a warm encouragement, saying, “Justice will prevail. Keep fighting.”

From 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. 160 people had a parade in Chiba city. Raising our fists, we repeated a chorus of yells. Some citizens waved to us on the street and came up to us to get flyers. There was a driver who hit the horn to encourage us. Thus, our parade warmed up.

The rally started at 6:00 p.m. with Yosakoi dance by young union members. Next was a performance of picture-story-show by Mr. Masaru Hashimoto, a member of the support association for JRU7. Workers gave solidarity words such as “Let’s promote bonding for further fighting,” and “We should raise people’s awareness about the case of JRU7.”



Mr. Ko Muto, also a member of the support association, delivered a lecture. He claimed that “This is a cooked-up case from the very beginning.

Prosecutors intend to charge rightful union activities as joint principals in a conspiracy and eradicate all union activities. So every trade union member should rise and work hard to win.”

Today’s “one-day action” was held after repeating organizing committee meeting, and many transport workers from unions other than JRU came to the rally. From various unions and citizens came more than 50 messages for JRU7. The rally was finished after adoption of an appeal which pledged our enduring fighting.



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