

JRU Pledges to Dismantle War and Nuclear Weapons

On the anniversary of A-bomb on Hiroshima



Hiroshima marked the 60th anniversary of the 1945 atomic bombing on 6 Aug. 2005. Nearly 55,000 people were estimated to attend the Peace Memorial Ceremony held in Peace Memorial Park of Hiroshima.

Hiroshima Mayor Tadatoshi Akiba, in his Peace Declaration, denounced “nuclear club” nations for having repeated the incantation, “Nuclear weapons protect you.” He declared the 369 days from 6 of August this year until August 9, 2006, a “Year of Inheritance, Awakening and Commitment,” and to launch a great diversity of campaigns for nuclear weapons abolition.

At the same time LDP released its first proposal for a new Constitution. The president of the LDP, Junichiro Koizumi said, in his remarks in the ceremony, “I’ll abide by the peace Constitution and stick to the three non-nuclear principles.” But the draft proposed changing Chapter II. It says Japan will have a “self-defense military.” The drafted articles did not touch on the constitutional interpretation that denies Japan’s right to exercise collective self-defense, but Mr. Masuzoe, a vice secretary of the drafting committee, interprets it is included in the “self-defense.” Regarding amendment to the Constitution it proposed changing from a concurring vote of “two-thirds or more of all the members of each House” to “one half.”

JRU calls for all of you to stop Koizumi administration, to protect peace, human rights and democracy, and to fight against oppression on labor unions.

