

## **Statement of Protest**

### **We Condemn JR East for Reinstating Yoshida**

On 15 January, 2010 the JR East reemployed Yoshida, an alleged victim of JR Urawa Case and lent him to East Japan Environment Access, Ltd., an affiliate company of JR East, after an amicable settlement in a lawsuit to seek reinstatement brought by Yoshida. But from the very beginning it is clear that Yoshida had made his own decision to submit a “letter of resignation” to the company. Even the then supervisor testified in the court that Yoshida had resigned through normal procedures. Nevertheless the JR East pushed Yoshida along the road to reconciliation and took the decision to rehire him. JRU condemns the company for its outrageous conduct.

It was Yoshida who introduced the massive oppression of “JR Urawa Electric Train Depot Case”. Alleged “coercion” was cooked up, as he had submitted an “incident report” in response to a request from the public security police. In addition Japan Railway Trade Unions Confederation (JRTU) encouraged Yoshida to conduct a lawsuit, carried on a campaign to “Save the Victim (= Yoshida)” as one of their democratization movement. Mr. Tsunoda, former president of JRTU, was found to meet secretly with the director of the public security police. The fact clearly showed the close tie between JRTU and state power.

JRTU stated in their bulletin that “The current reinstatement of Mr. Yoshida tells that JR East has changed its labor control stance.” This means that JRTU demands reinforcement of labor management from the Company, which can be said to be an aberrant argument as a trade union. We could never allow JRTU who has supported oppression, bragging of their “democratization” campaign. At the same time we protest against JR East’s unpardonable conduct by which our collaborative relation has been brought to nothing.

JRU condemns JR East for its outrageous act, Yoshida’s reemployment. However our fury makes us confirm further determination to fight on to win JR Urawa Case and Gamagoori Station Case, and to achieve reinstatement of JRU7 members and Mr. Kato.

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