

## Resolutions of ZENKO Conference in Osaka, 2018

ZENKO conference this year is of great significance in building peace in the East Asia as well as in the wider world. The cataclysmic change that has been taking place in the Korean Peninsula poses a historic turning point toward achieving peace and denuclearization in the East Asia. On April 27, the inter-Korean summit meeting between DPRK and ROK proclaimed Panmunjom Declaration, in which both parties agreed to pursue the common goal of realizing a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula, and to promote talks with a view to declaring an end to the War, turning the armistice into a peace treaty during this year. The first summit meeting between the US and the DPRK was realized on June 12<sup>th</sup> in Singapore and a joint statement was agreed upon. This dramatic development of détente has been brought about by the Korean people's struggles for labor rights, against nuclear power plants, and against the deployment of THAAD missiles, all of which culminated in the Candlelight Revolution that gave birth to Moon Jae-in presidency, not to mention anti-war peace movements in the US and elsewhere in the world.

On the other hand, Abe government is internationally isolated with its adherence to the policy of "maximizing pressure on North Korea." Japan was the only country in the world that supported Trump's decision when he announced the cancellation of the US-DPRK summit just a few days before July 12. Military pressure will solve nothing. A dialogue is the surest path to denuclearization and peace. This is the time when we, people, in solidarity with each other, should establish peace in the East Asia. We must drive Abe government into a corner, and switch his militarist agenda for constitutional revision, and stop the construction of the military base in Henoko, the deployment of SDF to the Southwest Islands, and the mal-revision of Article 9<sup>th</sup> of the constitution.

We have gathered here, each bringing our own struggles to oust Abe and to stop the constitutional revision, Korean struggles to have realized dialogues in the Korean Peninsula, Okinawan struggles to protect Henoko and prevent the deployment of SDF to the Southwest Islands, Filipino struggles against militarization, and Iraqi struggles against war by global capitalists. In firm solidarity among us, people of the world, let us create, not the militarist and economic iron ring, but international people's iron ring for peace!

( Core Lines of Action)

- 1 Panmunjom Declaration of April 27 and US-DPRK Joint Statement of June 12 should be implemented. International solidarity should be mounted to denuclearize the Korean Peninsula, to disarm and remove military bases from the East Asia, and to establish peace!
- 2 National petition campaign to stop Abe from revising 9<sup>th</sup> article of the constitution

should be continued till Abe cabinet is ousted and the revision is prevented!

3 The Korean War should officially be terminated, and we should stop militarist policies by Japan-US-ROK tripartite global capitalists such as the construction of a new base in Henoko, Okinawa, the deployment of SDF to the Southwest Islands, and the deployment of THAAD missiles in Seongju in Korea.

4 The summit meeting between Japan and DPRK should be realized. The establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and DPRK should be established, and post-war compensations should be fully implemented.

5 In solidarity with Okinawa islanders' struggles against the construction of a new base, we should participate in the Okinawa Prefectural All-out Rally on August 11 to prevent the dumping of earth and sand into the bay for reclamation.

6 Anything but a clear-cut end to Moritomo-Kake scandals is not acceptable. Thoroughgoing probing should be continued till we oust Abe cabinet.

7 We will organize Solidarity Festivals in Tokyo and in Osaka toward the end of October and in early November respectively.

8 We will organize Winter ZENKO meetings in different parts of Japan.

9 We will organize Japan-Korea Youth Solidarity Delegation in Okinawa in January 2019.

10 We will recruit more independent candidates for the unified local elections scheduled in April, 2019, in order to transform our local communities and realize our constitutional ideals.

◆【resolutions of workshop 1】

**Oust Abe Cabinet! Never allow the revision of Article 9<sup>th</sup> of the constitution! Mount Japan-Korea people's solidarity to denuclearize, disarm, and remove all the bases from, the Korean Peninsula, and create East Asia Peace Zone!**

(1) Abe Cabinet should be ousted! Revising Article 9<sup>th</sup> of the constitution is not acceptable!

(2) Immediately start the process of denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula that was agreed on in the Joint Statement of the summit meeting between US and DPRK! Realize East Asia Peace Zone!

(3) Halt the Korea-US joint military exercise immediately. Withdraw the deployment of THAAD missiles from Seongju! Remove the naval base from Cheju Island.

(4) The Japanese government should stop its hostile policies toward DPRK. The summit meeting between Japan and DPRK should be held and normal diplomatic relations between two countries should be established based on Japan-DPRK Joint Declaration of 2002. Post war compensations should be fully implemented.

① Initiate a campaign to make local councils adopt resolutions demanding that the government stop hostile policies toward DPRK, hold the summit meeting and establish diplomatic relations, and implement full post-war compensations.

(5) Demand that the Japanese government join Nuclear Weapon Ban Treaty. Collect signatures for the international Hibakusha petition.

(6) Stop the militarist policies of war by Japan-US-Korea global capitalists!

① Stop the construction of a new base in Henoko, Okinawa.

- ② All the joint military exercises among Japan-US-ROK should be suspended. Remove the US troops from Korea and Japan.
  - ③ Drastically reduce the military budget of Japan and Korea.
    - Directly require in our lobbying action in December that the Ministries of Defense and Finance should drastically reduce military spending in the compilation of the next year's budget.
  - ④ Immediately withdraw SDF from Djibouti.
  - ⑤ Remove all the foreign troops from the Middle East, including Iraq and Syria.
  - ⑥ Condemn anti-immigrant, anti-refugee policies of EU, US, and Japan. Support struggles to protect the right of residence of refugees as an inherent basic human right.
  - ⑦ Condemn any form of racism, hate crime, and hate speech. Promote educational activities to not allow racial discrimination.
  - ⑧ Give pressure to Japanese government not to allow human rights violations by Abadi government in Iraq. Hold it accountable for the killings of 15 protesters and support Iraqi people's demand.
  - ⑨ Condemn the exclusion of Korean schools from governmental subsidies, and demand the restoration of subsidies as well as free early childhood education!
- (7) Collect 30 million signatures in the petition campaign to stop revising Article 9<sup>th</sup> of the constitution till the goal is met.
- (8) Together with the 30 million signature campaign, launch a signature campaign to welcome the Joint Statement between US and DPRK of June 12 and demand denuclearization the Korean Peninsula and the East Asia and removal of all the military bases from this part of the world.
- (9) Anything but a clear-cut end to Moritomo-Kake scandals is not acceptable. Demand that Abe administration should uncover the truth.
- (10) Advance our international solidarity work between the people of Japan and Korea
- ① We will invite representatives from Korean anti-war movements to Solidarity Festivals in October and November, and to Winter ZENKO meeting in December, with a view to strengthening our international solidarity work to remove military bases.
  - ② We will organize a Japan-Korea youth solidarity tour to Okinawa in January, 2019.
  - ③ International people's solidarity work should be enhanced in local communities on a basis between Japan and Korea.
- (11) Win a victory for all the ZENKO candidates in the unified local council elections in April, 2019, and also win a majority of the seats for pro-constitution candidates in the House of Councilors election in July, 2019.

### ◆【resolutions of workshop 2】

**Stop construction work! Stop building new bases in Henoko, Okinawa, in the Southwest Islands, and in Miyako Island. / From US-DPRK Joint Statement to the establishment of Peace in the East Asia! We don't need military bases anywhere. / Remove US troops from Korea! Abolish Japan-US-Korea joint military exercises. Stop Japan-US military integration all over Japan. Promote joint protest actions against military bases, demanding disarmament and peace!**

- (1) Stop illegal construction work! Oppose building new military base constructions in Henoko,

Okianwa, and in the Southwest Islands.

(2) We will welcome the withdrawal by Governor Onaga of the approval for reclamation. We will mobilize 20 members nationally to join the Okinawa Prefectural All-out rally on August 11. We will prevent the government from starting the reclamation work on August 17.

(3) Support Okinawa Governor's decision to withdraw its approval for reclamation in pursuit of stopping a new base construction in Henono. Launch a campaign to raise resolutions at local autonomous entities to condemn unfair interference by the government into local governments.

(4) Support the Prefectural Referendum which is the best opportunity to express the islanders' will against the construction of a new base.

(5) Help anti-base candidates win a majority of seats in the Nago City Council election in September. Support Mr. Onaga to be re-elected as governor in the Okinawa gubernatorial election in November and win a complete revocation of the base construction plan!

(6) Nowhere do we need any military bases, which are to kill and be killed. Stop the deployment of missile units and ammunition depots in Miyako Island, which are in total violation of the principle of separation of the military from the civilians stipulated in Additional Protocol I of Geneva Convention.

(7) Oppose plans to enhance the capability of US military bases in Iwakuni, Yokota, and other parts of Japan. Oppose the installation of X-band Radar systems, the deployment of Ospreys, and allocation of ten trillion yen for military budgets, all of which further accelerate the Japan-US military integration.

(8) In solidarity with Okinawan people's struggle against the base construction, we will send monthly ZENKO delegations to join protest actions in front of Henoko Gate, Okinawa.

•Schedule of the delegations [August 18-20, September 22-24, October 13-15, November 17-19, December 15-17]

(9) We will organize Japan-Korea Youth Solidarity Delegation to Okinawa in January, 2019. Prior to it, a series of workshops on War in Okinawa and US military bases as well as Korean language course will be held to facilitate participation of young people.

(10) Together with achieving the goal of 30 million signature campaign, ZENKO will launch a signature campaign to welcome the Joint Statement between US and DPRK of June 12 and demand denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and the East Asia and removal of all the military bases from this part of the world!

### ◆【resolutions of workshop 3】

#### **Fight with people in Fukushima and Korea! Oppose restarting of reactors and radioactive exposure!**

(1) Require Fukushima Prefecture, Ministry of the Environment, and Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare to provide free health check-ups, subsidies for medical cost (following A-bomb victims relief law), and monitoring of radiation contamination. Complete written requests with Fukushima residents and stage lobbying actions with them.

(2) Add another 30,000 signatures in a year to petition campaign for radiation health check-ups. As accelerator of the campaign, we will organize film showings and photo exhibitions. Continue learning, and increase fellow campaigners to collect signatures.

(3) To stop restarting of reactors, strengthen lobbying actions on neighboring governments of nuclear

power plants. Learning from Korean movements, we will, together with local residents, study and investigate health hazards caused by NPP and radiation. Organize photo exhibitions and film showings in the local communities. Also we will hold meeting to listen to what Fukushima people and evacuees have experienced.

(4) Continue Friday night actions in front of KEPCO (Kansai Electric Power Company). We will have periodical rallies there in an attempt to increase the attendants and to give a greater significance to Friday night actions.

(5) Support evacuees from Fukushima in their court struggles for damages caused by the accident. Collect signatures for just decision in Kanagawa district court and observe hearings at different trials. Utilizing the recommendation by the UN human rights commission, we will support the evacuees' in their demand for residence. Support the court struggle to disclose the truth in Monju case of Mr. Nishimura's mysterious death.

(6) Strengthen our solidarity with Korean movements against NPP. In collaboration with Alternative Culture Solidarity, we will learn radiation hazards and struggles against them in Korea, and inform Japanese public about it. We will work hard to learn from Korean struggles, and investigate. We will organize a delegation to visit and convey what Fukushima people have suffered and organize photo exhibitions of the disaster in Korea.

(7) Learning from A-bomb survivors in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we will collect signatures in their campaign for nuclear abolition.

#### ◆【resolutions of workshop 4】

##### **Don't sell NPP to India and anywhere! Oppose NNP exportation and strategic ODA!**

(1) Oppose the construction of Wilfa Nuclear Power Station in the UK by Hitachi. Stage various protest actions such as protest card sending, lobbying actions on the government, and protest actions on Hitachi, in order to win the withdrawal of the plan.

(2) Prevent the Japan-India Nuclear Energy Agreement, which is for exporting NPP to India, from going into effect. For the time being, we will try to disclose the information about the working group which consisted of representatives of private as well as public sectors. We will organize protest actions on participating companies and press the government to repeal it. Also we will organize protest actions against Indian Prime Minister Modi on his visit to Japan, which is expected within this year.

(3) Work hard to realize Parliamentary resolutions to ban exportation on NPP.

(4) Oppose exportation of infrastructure systems through ODA mechanism and work hard to abolish ODA itself. As a main theme of the campaign, we will focus on MAHSR (Mumbai Ahmedabad High Speed Railway) in India, and organize lobbying action on the government and protest actions on Hitachi, which is the leading actor in this deal.

#### ◆【resolutions of workshop 5】

##### **Japan-Korea Solidarity to protect rights of contract workers. No to working long hours, sexual and power harassment.**

(1) In solidarity with workers and people in Seoul city, which is aspiring to a society where labor is

respected, we will organize contract workers, and try to guarantee them status as regular workers.

(2) In solidarity with workers in both countries, let us realize nationally standardized minimum wage of 10000 won in Korea and 1500 yen in Japan!

① Stage coordinated joint actions between Japan and Korea to reveal illegal minimum wage practices, violations of human rights, and power harassment.

(3) Never allow long working hours, unpaid overtime work, which lead to Karoshi (death from overwork). Stop monetary labor dispute settlement.

(4) Prevent constitutional revision and Henoko new base construction in Okinawa! Organize solidarity festivals to defend our right to live in Tokyo and Osaka successfully!

(5) Win in the labor dispute in NS Solutions, and create workplaces free from power and sexual harassments.

(6) Spread signature collecting campaign to demand a fair decision based on Article 37th of Labor Standard Law, and win in the labor dispute in All Kokusai Taxi Workers Union that is struggling to ban unpaid overtime work.

(7) Realize reinstatement and hiring of all the LIA union workers dismissed from Tou-ri Inc, which was practicing Illegal contract work and dispatching of workers.

(8) In the nationwide local council elections, we will demand better policies to support young generation, and scholarship grants and youth allowances.

(9) Scholarship grants should be expanded and scholarship loans should be bettered by abolishing arrearage and introducing reduction of and exemption from repayment. Make higher education free of charge!

#### ◆【resolutions of workshop 6】

We will strengthen our international solidarity with Filipino people in pursuit of a peaceful world where no one is too poor to live, and every one of us is respected. Let us stop Abe government's military intervention into Asia.

(1) No to constitutional revision! Stop Abe's military intervention into the Philippines and Asia. Education and nutrition for children! A peaceful future for children! We will advance this campaign with MAPALADKA in the Philippines and will play a role in achieving peace and denuclearization of Asia!

(2) With a view to ABAKADA, mothers, and young staff members gaining economic independence, we will help purchase a sewing machine in August and start training sessions, product development, and sales activities.

(3) In order to advance the campaign stated in (1) and (2), we will organize workshops, photo exhibitions, teach-ins, and mini-concerts in our local communities.

#### ◆【resolutions of workshop 7】

Learn from history! No education for war! Get back education to our hands! Education in which children of different orientations and backgrounds are educated together!

(1) Oppose education policies of repression, competition, and exclusion. Demand education to

foster children with different orientations and backgrounds! Stage lobbying actions on Ministries, local governments, and schools! Get back education to our hands!

(2) Create environments where children's life and health are protected and they can be absent from school if they so wish. Create space where children can spend time comfortably! Create networks in the community that connect parents concerned about children. Organize meetings in the community in which we parents, together with children, learn, exchange, and send our messages to realize children's rights.

(3) Reveal the fake nature of Olympic education, imposition of national anthem, imperial abdication ceremony, propaganda of nationalism through moral education. Educate truths of history!

(4) Address junior and senior high school students directly by delivering flyers, etc. Appeal to them the importance to think and act as independent sovereigns. Protect students' rights and gain student autonomy.

(5) Support struggles in the court and the personnel commission to win withdraw punishments and refusal to re-employments imposed on the teachers who resist national anthem.

(6) Join the campaign to restore Osaka Peace Museum based on its founding ideals.

#### ◆【resolutions of workshop 8】

**Withdraw the approval for reclamation! Stop Henoko reclamation by international solidarity and Dugong law suit.**

(1) Support Governor Onaga's decision to withdraw the approval for reclamation. Realize suspension of construction.

(2) Based on the conclusion of hearings, let us win the Dugong remanded law suit. We will organize meetings in Tokyo and Osaka in December to discuss the decision.

(3) Collect 20000 signatures for suspension of reclamation work and protection of Dugongs, and submit them in December.

(4) Spread card posting campaign on US military authorities stationed in Japan demanding environmental protection of Northern military exercise sites and suspension of Osprey operation. Make the most of the UNESCO decision to postpone the application of Yanbaru for world natural heritage site.

(5) Hold photo exhibitions to show natural richness of Henoko Oura bay and expose how reckless the reclamation of the bay is.

(6) Help win in Nago City Council election in September and Okinawa gubernatorial election in November.

#### ◆【resolutions of workshop 9】

**Children・Child Rearing・Child Rearing Support - Create space for children to live comfortably and child rearing in communities.**

(1) Create parents' and people's network to mutually help children grow. Create also more space for parents and children in our communities.

(2) Create space where eating and learning are secured, which are basic conditions for children's

growth.

(3) Lobby local governments for concrete policies to solve issues of children on standby for kindergarten enrolment and poverty of children.

(4) Demand local and central governments to finance all the cost for compulsory education!

#### ◆【resolutions of workshop 10 】

##### **Create jobs and increase employment for 99% - Cooperative movements.**

(1) Confront destruction of employment and livelihood. Build worker cooperative movements for ourselves to create jobs and enlarge employment that meet the need of communities and companies.

(2) Rogue companies and rogue part-time jobs are rampant. Working conditions are deteriorating. All the workers engaged in the production process should participate in discussions and decision making. They should continue to provide socially useful commodities and services at sincere and appropriate prices in the proper quantity. Strengthen even further the worker cooperative movement to create jobs and employment.

#### ◆【resolutions of workshop 11 】

##### **Confront the deterioration of nursing-care insurance system, and support the elderly people's life with dignity.**

(1) Social security budget is being cut. A premium for nursing-care insurance for those over 65 years old has been raised. The expense on the part of nursing-care service users has also been increased. All these burdens have surpassed the limit of the elderly. We will demand the government to increase the rate for public spending on nursing-care insurance system. We will also demand the local governments to expand their own reduction of and exemption from payment of a nursing-care insurance system premium. Consulting work at local welfare authorities should also be expanded.

(2) Remuneration of nursing-care enterprises have slightly increased in 2018 after rates of nursing-care were revised. Still, many nursing-care enterprises have gone bankrupt, and small scale enterprises are having a hard time to survive. We will demand a hike in the earnings on the part of the enterprises that will enable small sized nursing-care enterprises to operate steadily.

(3) Under the name of supporting self-reliance and prevention of deterioration of health, a system has been introduced, in which those nursing-care enterprises receive more remuneration if they improve the physical functioning of users, and receive less if they don't improve it. Likewise, in the new system, those local governments receive more subsidies if they improve the degree of nursing-care. Confront the authorities that ignore users' demand and impose self-reliance on the elderly. We will lobby on the authorities to convey our demand from the workplaces.

(4) In 2015, those elderly designated to need 1st and 2nd degree of nursing-care were delisted from nursing-care insurance system. The services were replaced by local authorities to provide independent day-services and home helpers. Remuneration for home helpers was decreased and life assistance for users was supported by volunteers among local residents. As a result, home helpers diminished and nursing-care refugees have emerged who can't receive necessary nursing-care. The elderly with

dementia are increasing in number and more skilled helpers are becoming necessary. We will demand steady supply of home helpers. The frequency of helpers's visits to the elderly should not be limited. Those who are in need should receive necessary nursing-care by helpers without any limit on the frequency.

(5) According to the New Economic Policy Package decided on by the Cabinet on December 6th last year, those nursing-care workers who have worked more than 10 years will receive 80 thousand yen monthly allowance as part of policies to secure nursing-care workers. This policy will be financed by a hike of consumer price tax in October 2019. We demand the government should allocate necessary budget for improving salaries of nursing-care workers, not relying on tax increase.

(6) We will start a new signature collecting campaign and stage lobbying actions on the government. In collaboration with local council members, we will try to improve the nursing-care insurance system.

#### ◆【resolutions of workshop 12】

**31 years have passed since National Railway was divided and privatized. We question issues of local lines, Linear Line, and safety of JR.**

(1) Stop construction of Linear Shinkansen, which causes environmental destruction, waste of taxes, and opposition by local residents along the planned route.

(2) Prevent the abolishment of local lines including Hokkaido JR and others. Stop destruction of local communities.

(3) Monitor JR-West that recently caused a fracture in the flatcar frames. We demand they prioritize safety.

(4) Establish democratic public transportation system in which users and people have the right to decide and the services should be for users. We demand the government to secure financial source for this.

(5) Establish desirable public transportation policies though addressing these issues.

#### ◆【resolutions of exchanging plaza C】

**No to constitutional revision! Utilize the constitution, transform the local communities, and increase the number of independent local council members**

•Advance democratic transformation of local governments!

(1) Let us learn from Seoul city, which touts that citizens are the mayor, and participation of citizens are secured from planning stage as far as important policies are concerned. In formulating policies, we should encourage people's participation, not think-tanks that prioritize maximizing profit for capital.

(2) We will learn from precedents about legislation introduced to implement democratic and social regulation of capital. We will organize a tour to Seoul in November to learn and exchange our experiences with those aspiring to democratic socialism.

(3) Stop the local governments from outsourcing their service to private sector, opening the market to global capitalist companies. Increase regular workers in the local governments by switching contract workers to regular workers. By so doing, we will strengthen disaster damage prevention, and protect

the life and livelihood of citizens.

(4) Diminishing of public responsibility of local governments should not be allowed. Free education, securing of nursing-care with dignity, expansion of welfare for residents should be encouraged under public responsibility.

(5) In the local council elections in 2019, we will greatly increase the number of independent council members in collaboration with movements to democratically transform our local communities.

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