

# **Stop War by the united power of workers and students**

## **Join Oct. 21 INTERNATIONAL ANTI-WAR DAY!**

We call on all students to stand up together with us to refuse 'war-cooperation of university' and to overthrow the Abe Administration! Challenge has begun to rebuild students' autonomous body (student councils) in every university all across the country to organize a huge student movement to achieve this purpose.

### **War has already been launched**

Now we are witnessing escalation of wars for market, resource and sphere of influence all over the world. Invasion into Gaza by Israel, mounting antagonism between EU countries and Russia over Ukraine and newly-launched air strikes on IS (Islamic State) in Iraq and Syria by U.S. etc. The recent cabinet decision of the Abe Administration to 'admit exercise of the right of collective self-defense' on July 1 is nothing but a blatant 'war declaration' to intervene in the actual global development by military forces. The Abe Government is now forcibly constructing a new U.S. military base in Henoko, located in Nago-city of Okinawa. Moreover, they are making brutal attempts to restart nuclear power plants, trampling the lives of afflicted people in Fukushima. Abe shamelessly claims to be protecting the people. We never admit such an outrageous fraud.

### **Stop 'war-cooperation of University'**

The war policy of Abe Government has already been implemented in many universities. The Ministry of Defense has formulated its policy to practice joint research with university. 'Liberalization of education' and 'University reform' (in fact privatization of university and education) carried out by the Government for about 30years has brought about economic difficulties to many universities, forcing them to accept collaboration in military research. Such an environment has helped 'atom mafia' and government-controlled scholars to prevail. Now even introduction of 'conscription system of students by financial support' is openly in discussion.

When we watch everyday condition of today's campus life, we find out, on the one hand, students suffering from 'triple difficulties', namely, enormous school expenses, severe job search and payment of scholarship because of rising tuition fee and the recession. On the other hand, students are deprived of their right of developing basic activity of expressing their own opinions, like distributing flyers and holding rally. University intends to keep them away from political discussion and action. Study in university is commercialized and 'war-cooperation of university' is promoted, destroying students' autonomous organizations and suppressing students' independent activity.

### **The power of united students can prevent war**

Student is essentially the central character in university and campus life. United students have the power to stop 'war-cooperation of university' and prevent war.

On March 14, 2006, a mass arrest of students took place in Hosei University for their protest action against the suppression of the university authority on distributing flyers or putting up boards in campus to cry out: 'No revision of the Constitution'. Many of the arrested students were punished by the university administration. It was the historical starting point of the Hosei struggle and total number of arrested students in the continued campus struggle amounted till today to 126 and 13 of them were 'expelled' from university or 'suspended'. In spite of these brutal suppressions the Hosei struggle has never been defeated and continued for 8 years and a half till today.

In this April, Yuko Tanaka, who is famous for the 'liberal' intellectual, assumed the position of the president of Hosei University. In spite of her fake liberalism, the condition of campus life has got worse rather than improved. Students are prohibited from even raising their voices against war and nuclear power plants as before.

However, the Hosei struggle based on students' unity has encouraged the efforts to reconstruct students' autonomous bodies in universities of Kyoto (in 2012), Hiroshima (in 2013) and Okinawa (in 2014). Tohoku University Students' Autonomous body has recently started the struggle to stop forced abolishment of Meizen dormitory (historic students' autonomous dormitory). Hosei University is the symbol of promoting 'war-cooperation' and at the same time, a bastion to make a breakthrough in preventing war by the struggle of students in their own campuses.

### **Let's take the lead to build international solidarity by students!**

The answer of us students to this alarming situation is to take the lead in anti-war demonstration. The history of 'Oct. 21 International Anti-War Day' proves that international solidarity of students, workers, citizens and soldiers beyond borders has a power to stop war. Let's overthrow the war-promoting governments of our own by the united struggle of students, workers, citizens and soldiers all over the world. Now is the time to revive 'International Anti-War Day' against global escalating war policy by ruling classes such as the Abe Government. Lastly, we ardently call for your participation on Anti-war rally and demonstration on Oct.21.

Let's stand up in campus and workplace to break 'war and suppression' ! Let's unite and take an action!