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Japan Congress Against A and H-Bombs (GENSUIKIN) was established in 1965, and it is one of the largest anti-nuclear and peace organizations in Japan. GENSUIKIN has local organizations as members, consisting of labor unions, women's organizations, youth organizations and civil society groups in all 47 prefectures of Japan.

GENSUIKIN has public meetings annually in Yaizu-city in Shizuoka Prefecture since Yaizu-city was the mother port for the "Lucky Dragon No. 5" whose crew suffered from nuclear fallout resulting from the nuclear test in Bikini Atoll in 1954. The anti-nuclear movement in Japan emerged from the nuclear suffering caused by nuclear tests. There was a huge signature-collecting campaign demanding to ban nuclear weapons. Not only progressive and liberal political groups, but also conservative community organizations, participated and led the campaign which became a huge national movement.

Through the movement, the miserable reality of Hiroshima and Nagasaki caused by nuclear bombings in 1945 was revealed to Japanese people, and the voices of the citizens of Hiroshima and Nagasaki requesting to ban nuclear weapons were heard over Japan. The humanitarian consequences of Hiroshima and Nagasaki triggered a strong national movement to eliminate nuclear weapons.

GENSUIKIN conference is held in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August annually to commemorate the atomic bombings. After the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear accident in 2011, we now have additional GENSUIKIN conferences in Fukushima to achieve nuclear phase-out as well.

Nuclear Phase-out

GENSUIKIN actively makes efforts to achieve nuclear phase-out and we firmly believe that

“nuclear and humanity cannot co-exist”. In fact, and unfortunately, the Fukushima-Daiichi nuclear accident and the Chernobyl nuclear accident demonstrate there are disastrous consequences if a nuclear power plant is broken down by any cause. While we argue for the decommissioning of nuclear power plants systemically, we demand that energy policies be changed to promote renewable energy. We support and collaborate with people suffering from Fukushima-Daiichi nuclear accident, including those forced to evacuate for a long time.

Abolition of Nuclear Weapons

We have pursued steady steps to abolish nuclear weapons. It is important to change the policy of the Japanese government whose first priority is to remain protected under the nuclear umbrella of the United States, as well as to persuade the five nuclear-weapon states in NPT and other nuclear states outside of it to abolish nuclear weapons. The Japanese government in particular has already accumulated huge amounts of plutonium been trying to establish a nuclear fuel cycle by building reprocessing plants in Japan. We demand that the Japanese government not rely on nuclear security and abandon the nuclear fuel cycle plan to demonstrating morality as a country suffered from a nuclear attack to appeal to the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Solidarity with Hibakusha

It is important to support Hibakusha (atomic bomb survivors) regarding their health and living and it is critical to share their experiences and pass them down to younger generations. Thus we are closely cooperating with the second and third generations of Hibakusha to support their activity. At the same time, since there are a huge number of Hibakusha all over the world who continue to suffer from past nuclear tests, uranium mining and nuclear accidents, it is important to strengthen our collaboration with them. We invite Hibakusha from all over the world, such as the South Pacific, to GENSUIKIN conference to share our experiences..

Member Organizations of GENSUIKIN:

All-Japan Prefectural and Municipal Workers Union (JICHIRO)

Japan Teachers' Union (JTU)

General Federation of Private Railway Workers' Unions of Japan (PRU)

All Japan Water Supply Works Union

Japanese Federation of Forrest and Workers Union (JFFWU)

National Federation of Automobile Transport Workers' Unions
Japan broadcasting labour Union
LAFGO (Labor Federation of Government Related Organizations)
All Printing Bureau Labour Union
National Railway Workers' Union (NRU)
All Japan Dockworker's Union (JDU)
Japan Construction and Transtry Workers' Solidarity Union(CTSU)
Japanese Health Care Workers' Union (JHU)
Japan Community Union Federation (JCUF)
National Union of General Workers
All-Japan Farmers Federation
Buraku Liberation League
League of Socialist Youth
Social Cultural Legal Center
Japan Women's Council
Consumers Union of Japan