

## **Resolution on November 7th in Solidarity with Myanmar Workers and Citizens**

Since the military coup on February 1, 2021, the desperate struggle of workers and citizens has been continuing in Myanmar. The Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM), in conjunction with the strikes of labor unions, developed and grown in strength. Especially, the younger generation, who have grown up in the years of “democratization,” neoliberal times, have stood up and joined the CDM, not afraid of death. On September 7, the National Unity Government declared the start of a battle for self-defense, calling on civilians and ethnic minorities’ defense forces across the country to rise up against the Myanmar army (the Tatmadaw).

Having been cornered, the Myanmar army took the lives of 1,186 people including children, and unlawfully arrested 9,151 people (as of October 22th). In particular, the aerial bombardments and shelling in ethnic minority areas have resulted in internal displacement of more than 215,000 people (as of October 4th). Under the COVID-19 pandemic, medical care has collapsed and, moreover, people are facing an urgent situation without even water or food. The United Nations, as of September, acknowledged that more than 3 million people are in dire need of assistance.

However, the Japanese government has condoned the military coup regime and has continued to use Official Development Assistance (ODA) as a channel for projects that have been carried out in concert with the military. When the military-led government of Thein Sein took power in 2011, the Japanese government plunged the country into a race of economic aggression, determined not to be defeated by China. Japan's ODA to Myanmar is huge, totaling over 1 trillion yen. The Thilawa Special Economic Zone Development Project, which began under the current PM Fumio Kishida, who was appointed foreign minister in 2012 by the Abe administration, is still helping to enrich the Myanmar army.

As many as 127 leading companies in Japan—Mitsui, Mitsubishi, Toyota, Taisei Corporation, Hitachi, etc.— are listed as founders of “the Japan Myanmar Association” established in 2012. Mr. Watanabe Hideo, chairman of the JMA, who call himself “a person having strong connections with the Myanmar military”, was in the country before and after Feb. 1 coup and met with Military commander in chief, Min Aung Hlaing several times.

From before the Second World War until now, Japanese imperialism has behaved to Burma (Myanmar) like a suzerain and now supports the coup regime.

In the name of November 7 National Workers’ All-out Rally, we fiercely denounce the Feb.1 military coup, massacres and violation of human rights by the Myanmar military continuing to this day.

At the same time, we condemn the Japanese Government, Kishida administration which has allowed the coup and intends to commit economic aggression furthermore, and make firm resolve to overthrow the government.

Already, after the Feb.1 coup, wider groups of people led by Myanmar people in Japan have been struggling against the office of Prime Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, JMA and Japanese companies, calling “Freeze Payment to Junta”.

Let's cut off the funds to the Myanmar Military from the Japanese Government, by workers' power!

One hundred thousand members of Japan Ground Self-Defense Force has been engaged in the transportation exercise; they are stepping up their efforts toward an aggressive war on China.

In South Korea the general strike was launched on Oct.20, and in the U.S. many strikes are bursting.

The way to forge international solidarity with fighting workers across the world is to confront and struggle against Kishida Administration and to stop a new aggressive war.

Turn anger into action! Take back our future to live, uniting with fighting workers of the world!

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All the participants of November 7 National Workers' All-out Rally

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*Internationales » Myanmar » Gewerkschaften » [Die Gewerkschaften in Myanmar kämpfen während des Militärputsches für den Schutz der Arbeitnehmerrechte - auch durch internationale Konzerne](#)*