

**Messages to the March 5 Tokyo Rally Celebrating the International Women's Day 2022
From WFTU (The World Federation of Trade Unions)**

**United, we continue! Until the building of an exploitation-free society, where women
and men will be emancipated**

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The Secretariat of WFTU

The World Federation of Trade Unions, the class-oriented family of 105 million workers who live, work and struggle in 133 countries of the 5 continents, expresses its internationalist solidarity with 2022 International Women's Day, 3.5 Tokyo Rally which is co-organized by the "Activist Group SHISO-UNDO" and the Hongo Cultural Forum Workers School (HOWS), despite the several difficulties and the challenges that are faced by the women and the workers in Japan nowadays.

In a period that the poverty and inequality affect the popular strata in Japan, in a period that the democratic and trade union freedoms are under attack, in a period that the people are facing the 6th wave of the pandemic and its social and economic consequences, and while the movement for constitutional reform and military expansion progress rapidly, the celebration of this year's International Women Day on March 8th, 2022 is a decision of great importance.

165 years since the uprising of women workers in New York, demanding better working conditions, equality, and life with rights, their struggle remains topical and timeless. This year, 165 later, we honor their struggle and their sacrifice, continuing their fight, with heads held high, raising the high the banner of the working class, equality, solidarity, and dignity.

The international class-oriented trade union movement always stands on the side of the working women against the dual exploitation and struggles for equal rights at work, in society, in life, and for the covering of the contemporary needs of the working class as a whole.

We struggle for equal education, equal job opportunities, and equal pay for equal work. We intensify our militant initiatives for the use of science and technology in favor of the women who still die during childbirth. We struggle against wars, trafficking, poverty, cut in wages-benefits and the shrinking of the social state.

In view of the 18th World Trade Union Congress which is going to take place in Rome, Italy, on 6, 7 & 8 May 2022, the World Federation of Trade Unions and the militant and class-oriented trade unions all over the world join their voice together making the WFTU ranks more massive, extending the struggle and orientation against the root cause of inequality and exploitation, the imperialist-capitalist barbarity. United, we continue! For the satisfaction of our contemporary needs until the building of an exploitation-free society, where women and men will be emancipated.

Long Live Working Women,
Long Live Working Class.

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