

**Message to the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Communist Party of the Philippines (PKP-1930)**

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**Standing Steering Committee of SHISO-UNDO**

The Communist Party of the Philippines (PKP-1930), with which we have friendly relations for many years, will hold the 16<sup>th</sup> Party Congress on November 7. This date coincides with the 106<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the October Socialist Revolution and the 93<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Communist Party of the Philippines (PKP-1930).

What written here is the solidarity message from the Standing Steering Committee, Activist Group Shisō-Undō, to the 16<sup>th</sup> Party Congress, upon request, to express the internationalist solidarity.

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Dear Comrades and Delegates to the 16<sup>th</sup> Party Congress:

The Activist Group Shiso-Undo, Japanese activist group which follows Marxism-Leninism as a guideline for actions, sends you our heartfelt greetings of solidarity, with respect and gratitude to your party. We were also very encouraged to receive a message from Eduardo Landayan, a few months ago, in which he valued our English edition of “Shiso-Undo” as “the best source of information”. We would like to thank him once again.

Shiso-Undo extends our hearty greetings of comradely solidarity from Japan to your party and the mass organizations that support and act together from the domestic basis in the struggles against the US imperialist monopoly capital, which is striving to gain profit by organizing the struggle against its own imperialism, in opposition to the Philippine government’s attempt to enter the war between Russia and Ukraine (with NATO, the US and EU in its background).

This war invites a crisis in the East Asian region where the blood of working peoples is about to be spilled once again by war. It has been pointed out that U.S. imperialism could turn the Philippines into the next “Ukraine” by using it as a proxy war against China. The current Philippine administration, usurped by the son of former President Marcos, who once ran a long-term pro-US military dictatorship, announced in March this year the expansion of the US right to use military bases and is hurrying to strengthen military cooperation with US imperialism. On the other hand, in the South China Sea, the U.S. imperialists are propagating the “maritime aggression” of China with a view to the “Taiwan contingency”. In March this year, the US imperialists dispatched Victoria Nuland, Under Secretary of State, one of the prime movers behind the current war in Ukraine, to the Philippines to meet with Philippine government officials in an effort to strengthen military alliance and expand the US military presence in the Philippines.

Your Party, celebrating its ninety-third anniversary of establishment, organized the struggle of Hukbalahap against the military occupation by the Japanese imperialists during World War II and fought the anti-base struggle against the military occupation of the U.S. imperialists after the war. As

one of the fruits of the great struggles, the Philippine Congress won a glorious victory on September 16, 1999, when it decided to end the military base agreement and return the U.S. military bases to the Philippines. The removal of the U.S. military base, which had been a base for suppressing the Filipino people's struggle for independence for many years, is vividly remembered by the Japanese people as a great victory of the working people's struggle. Since then, the U.S. imperialists, who have suffered a painful defeat, have been promoting de facto return of the military base, but your party has been persistently fighting to stop this plot.

In contrast, in Japan, there are approximately 56,000 U.S. soldiers and more than 100 U.S. military bases, which are not subject to Japanese sovereignty under the Japan-U.S. Status of Forces Agreement, still scattered all over the country with a concentration in Okinawa. Furthermore, the Japanese government monopoly is taking advantage of the situation in Ukraine to fix and expand U.S. military bases, double its military spending and purchase large quantities of U.S. weapons, and develop a modern version of imperialist hegemony diplomacy in the name of a "free and open Indo-Pacific strategy" to increase its military presence not only in the East China Sea but also in the South China Sea in the Philippine Sea region. In August of this year, Japan's vice prime minister ASO Taro made a statement in Taiwan justifying Japanese military intervention in the event of a "Taiwan contingency" by inciting hatred toward China, and he made no attempt to hide his blatantly imperialistic intentions. Like the Philippines, Taiwan and Japan themselves are in danger of becoming a second "Ukraine".

Our struggle in Japan has been extremely difficult. However, learning from the history and spirit of your party's 93-year struggle, symbolized by the glorious victory of the anti-base struggle, we are determined to confront U.S. and Japanese imperialism on Japanese soil, achieve the seizure of power by the working class, replace the capitalist system with a socialist one, and stand for the creation of a peaceful world full of the spirit of international solidarity in which the working people are the protagonists. We are determined to take a stand for the creation of a peaceful world where the working people are the protagonists, replacing the capitalist system with socialism and the spirit of international solidarity.

We extend our solidarity by expressing our confidence that the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Communist Party of the Philippines (PKP-1930) will achieve its desired objectives and contribute to the advancement of the class struggle in your country and in the world.

In Solidarity,

Standing Steering Committee of SHISO-UNDO