

Messages to Tokyo Rally Celebrating the 105th Anniversary of the Russian October Revolution

From the Republic of Greece

The communists and the working class all over the world have been struggling for socialism–communism

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International Relations Section of the Communist Party of Greece

Dear comrades,

We salute the rally you are organizing in honour of the 105th anniversary of the Great Socialist October Revolution in Russia in 1917. The October Revolution was a momentous event that marked the dawn of a new historical era, the passage from capitalism to socialism–communism.

Our era is the era of transition from capitalism to socialism–communism. The counter-revolution does not change its character. On the contrary, it confirms it. The basic contradiction between the social character of production and labour and the capitalist appropriation of their results, i.e. the contradiction between capital and labour, is sharpening. It has reached unprecedented proportions and must be resolved by the socialist revolution.

This year also marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union. The USSR has marked every great step of humanity forward, the inevitable path towards its liberation from the shackles of exploitation. It has been a beacon of labour movements throughout the world, a support for the oppressed against colonialism, a leader of the struggle of the peoples that crushed Nazism–fascism, at the forefront of the struggle for the emancipation of women. Its achievements, and the results of its overthrow, expose the bourgeois and opportunist forces that mock and try to smear its historical contribution.

The USSR and socialism were overthrown “from within and from above”, in conditions of an opportunist erosion of the CPSU, in a course attempting to tackle problems of socialist construction by using capitalist tools and elements of the “market”, thus altering and undermining the principles of socialist construction. In this framework, a social stratum was developed, whose interests did not fit into socialism; and this was expressed at a party, state, and political level.

That is why we reject views that glorify the so-called market socialism, which leads to the negation of the principles of socialization of the means of production and central scientific planning, adopts the capitalist criterion of profit, and legitimizes the exploitation of the working class by capital.

The capitalist system is riven by competition leading to imperialist wars and interventions, the intensification of exploitation, and the expansion of poverty and unemployment. The imperialist war in Ukraine that is being waged between the USA-NATO-EU and capitalist Russia is part of the competition between the Euro-Atlantic camp and the emerging Euro-Asian camp led by China and Russia. The tendency of its escalation and extension into your region is also related to the conflict between the USA and China for supremacy in the imperialist system.

The communists and the working class all over the world have waged heroic struggles under their own banner, that is, the struggle for socialism–communism. Following this path, which was opened by the October Revolution, the communist movement can overcome the ideological, political, and organizational crisis it is facing, based on Marxism–Leninism, proletarian internationalism, the defence of the principles of socialist revolution and construction, and proceed to harmonize its strategy with the needs of the class struggle.

With comradely greetings

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