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“Earth Spider Conjuring up Demons to Torment Minamoto-no Raiko” (1843, woodblock print) by Utagawa Kuniyoshi (Part). It is a representative work of Utagawa Kuniyoshi (1797-1861), who expressed the resistance of the people, suppressed by the “Tenpo Reform” of the shogunate government. (See page 11 for more comments)

Following the results of the 49th House of Representatives Election

## Let's strengthen the rally from the workplaces to prevent the destruction of the Constitution

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### General review of the election results

In the general election held on October 31, 2021 the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) reduced the number of seats from 276 before the announcement, but won 261 seats including two additional independents. After monopolizing the posts of the standing chairpersons of the committees of the House of Representatives, the LDP secured the absolute stable ma-

majority (261), which can hold the majority of its each committee. Komeito got 32 seats, an increase of three seats from before the announcement, and the total number of seats in the ruling coalition became 293.

Comparing the number of votes obtained in the proportional representation system to the previous House of Representatives election (2017), the LDP: 18.55 million to 19.91 million, an increase of about 1.36 million votes,

and the Komeito: 6.97 million to 7.14 million, an increase of about 0.16 million votes. The absolute voter turnout (the ratio of all voters who voted for the relevant party) of the LDP was 26.4%, an increase of 1.2 point from the previous time, exceeding any of the past three lower House elections during the ABE Shinzo administration.

On the other hand, the Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan (CDP) has