

**From the New Communist Party of the Netherlands**

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exploitation and oppression**

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Dear comrades,

The New Communist Party of the Netherlands sends our greetings and solidarity to Shiso Undo and the working class of Japan. March 8 is International Women's Day; the day we celebrate the working woman and a day of her organization and struggle.

The past few centuries have seen huge strides in the emancipation of working class women, through their struggle. The socialist construction in the USSR and other socialist countries in the 20th century, in which women and minorities gained all kinds of rights for the first time, significantly advanced the emancipation of these groups within the working class.

However, the fight is not over yet. The rights and safety of women are not guaranteed under capital-ism. Japan and the Netherlands both stand on the side of complicity with Israel as they wage a war of genocide on the Palestinian people, displacing and killing thousands of Palestinians, many among them women and children. The continuous military presence of the US in Okinawa exposes women to sexual violence which the Japanese government covers up. We stand in solidarity with the call of Shiso Undo for spreading awareness of the oppression of Okinawans, Korean residents in Japan and other people of Asia.

In Japan, currently about half of all women, including working single women, single mothers and pensioners, are living at around the poverty line. The blame is shifted on the people by propagating the “theory of self-responsibility”. For communists, it is important to expose bourgeois policies and make demands for the welfare and defense of women in every workplace or school. In this way, communists can expose contradictions, reveal all the aspects of the exploitation of capital and unite the working class on even more issues and get people to join the struggle.

We can learn from the struggle of the Korean people ousting President Yun Seok-yeol and “tuition-free high school” for Korean schools for Korean residents in Japan. In the Netherlands we are organising political gatherings across the country on March 8 to

highlight the struggle of working, studying and unemployed women against sexual violence, often perpetuated by their partners or ex-partners.

The struggle for the rights of working women must be organized, against their exploitation and oppression under capitalism, against bourgeois influences where female capitalists and bosses are seen as “progressive” forces.

Long live Marxism-Leninism!

Long live socialism-communism!

Comradely greetings,

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