RENGO 2024-2025

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JAPANESE TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION

(JTUC-RENGO)

Let's go forward together

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Protecting the employment and livelihoods of all working people

RENGO is aiming for "A Secure Society based on Work" Formed in 1989, RENGO is the Japanese National Center. RENGO has roughly seven million members. Aiming for "A Secure Society based on Work," RENGO implements activities to protect the employment and livelihoods of all working people.

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Message from the President

While the COVID-19 infection has not yet ended, Japan is in the process of returning to its former daily situation, but at the same time structural issues have come sharply into focus. Chronic deflation has continued for over 30 years; depopulation, ultra-low birthrate and social ageing are accelerating; and poverty and disparities are expanding. Global issues such as climate change, terrorism and conflict are also demanding urgent attention.

With Japan facing a wide range of issues, it is absolutely crucial that we create a sustainable and inclusive society, not one that collapses under the weight of these issues, and we are aware that trade unions must perform an ever-broader role. We at RENGO uphold "A Secure Society based on Work" as the image of the society we should aim for. Placing the most important value on "work," with autonomy and mutual support as the basis, aiming for a participatory society overflowing with vitality, where everyone can participate in society under fair working conditions and through diverse work styles, and where safety nets function reliably. We are working with all our strength to realize this society.

For this purpose, we will promote a gathering of colleagues who treasure a diversity that firstly secures gender equality and does not discriminate on the basis of gender, age, nationality, disabilities, employment type, or other differences, and we will expand the circle of the movement to gain "understanding, empathy, and participation." Further, as the National Center, while cooperating with the international trade union movement, we will go forward with the best of our ability to be an organization that is firstly trusted by workers as a matter of course, but is also trusted by increasing numbers of the Japanese people.

"Let's go forward together in all kinds of work"

We at RENGO will continue to walk forward with everyone.

President, JTUC-RENGO Tomoko Yoshino

Mission

We have inherited the tradition of free and democratic trade union movements. We will support the collective action of workers and the advancement of trade union movements according to the principles of this tradition.

We will constantly seek social justice, arm ourselves with power and policy, and realize achievement of full employment, establishment of basic labour rights, improvement work conditions, and better quality of life for citizens.

We will unfalteringly hold hopes for a better future, be leaders of the populace, and build a free, fair, just, and peaceful society.

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We will work to maintain the independence of trade unions, eliminate all outside control and intervention, establish a solid democratic framework, and work to strengthen and advance the Japanese Trade Union Confederation.

We are deeply aware of responsibility of the Japanese trade union movement to global trade union movement. We will strive to achieve world peace and the mutual prosperity of all peoples.

RENGO Principles

Article 1

We will maintain high motivation and ethics expected as a leader of the trade union movement and act, to realize the society that is the goal of "RENGO's Path".

Article 2

We will advance our activities from the perspective of union members, which will be supported by all workers and citizens.

Article 3

We will conduct fair and transparent management such as democratic decision-making, appropriate accounting and financial management, modern operation of secretariat, and trusted activities, in accordance with laws and social rules as well as our own rules and regulations.

Article 4

We will promote activities to make enterprises and employers fulfill their social responsibility without overlooking their impropriety and unfairness.

Article 5

We will respect human rights and not discriminate based on factors such as race, gender, physical traits, age, beliefs, or lineage, nor allow such discrimination to occur.

Article 6

We will promote active disclosure of information to union members and the wider community, and we will strive to protect personal information.

Article 7

We will engage in a wide rage of social activities which will contribute to local and international society, such as peace, human rights, welfare, the environment, education and safety related activities, with an awareness of being a member of society.

Preamble (excerpt)

Trade unions are organizations that play the role of checking the actions of management and pursue social justice. Trade unions must ensure that their actions and management are modern, fair, and transparent, based on laws and social rules, and that they are trusted by members, non-members, and broader society in order to promote these aims.

We aim to build a movement and organization to be able to adequately fulfil our responsibility and role as the Japanese national center in accordance with these RENGO Principles.

(Established during the 9th RENGO Biennial Convention on 6 October 2005)

Annual Actions





HIROSHIMA Peace Rally NAGASAKI Peace Rally

September

NEMURO (Hokkaido) Peace Rally

October



Central Rally to Promote Gender Equality

November

December

"Hope-filled" and "Secure" Society

International Organizations

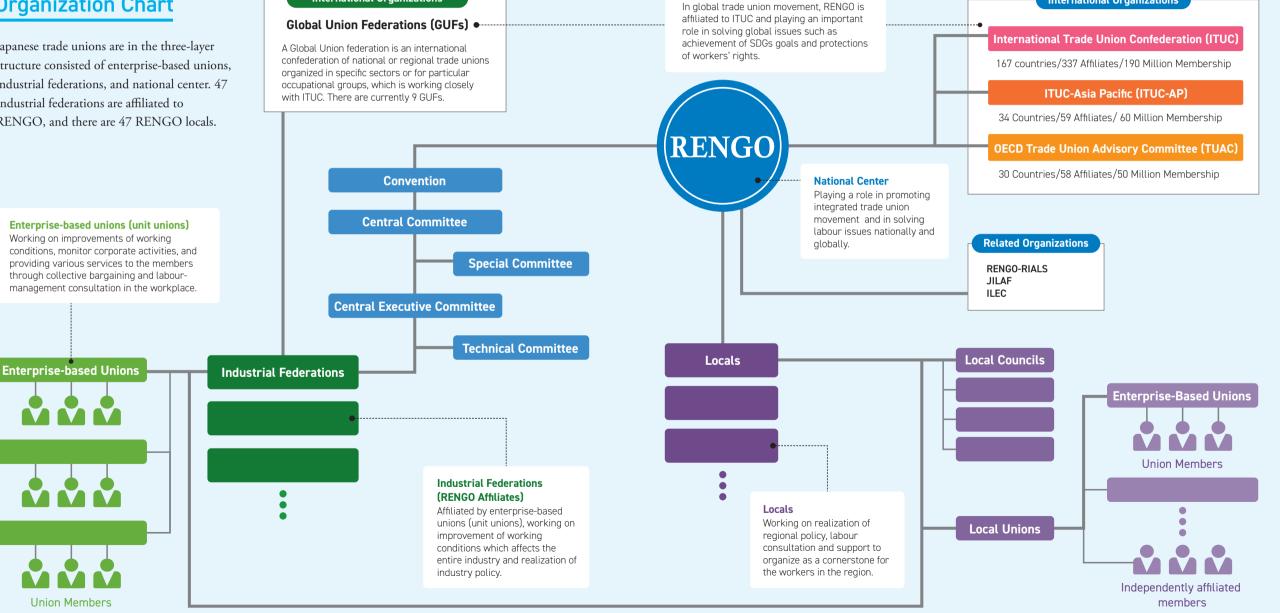
- We Built with All Workers

RENGO (Japanese Trade Union Confederation) is the trade union national center in Japan established in 1989. We promote trade union movement to protect employment and lives for all workers, with 7 million memberships.

International Organizations

Organization Chart

Japanese trade unions are in the three-layer structure consisted of enterprise-based unions, industrial federations, and national center. 47 Industrial federations are affiliated to RENGO, and there are 47 RENGO locals.

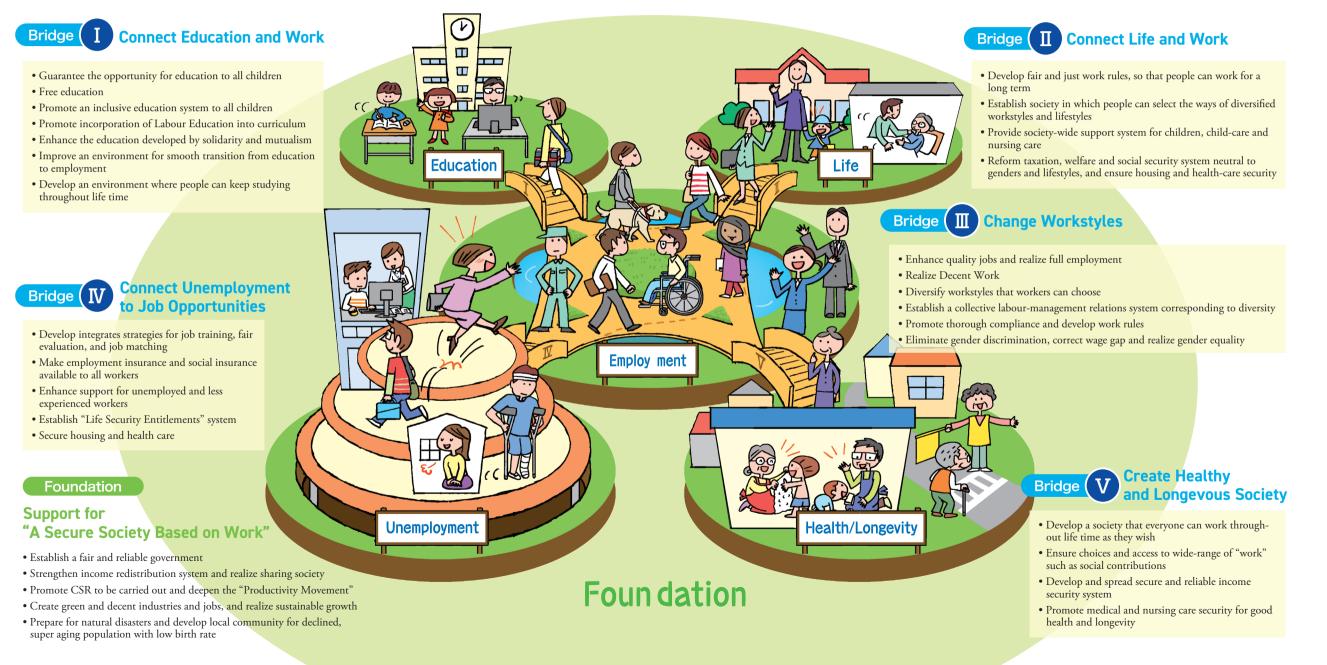


Union Members

A Secure Society Based on Work - Protecting, Connecting, and Creating

We will change the Future.

The society we RENGO aim is a lively participatory society placing utmost value on work, with social participation through diverse work styles under fair working conditions for all, based on mutually-supported social/economic independence and safety nets that permit self-realization. Furthermore, it is a society founded on "sustainability" and "inclusion," where diversity is accepted regardless of age, gender, nationality or disability, and where there is mutual recognition and support that leaves no one behind. To realise this society, the Five Secure Bridges that connect to "Work" need to be developed.



Let's walk together and change together, taking society on to a new stage

- expand the circle of colleagues, and aiming for a Secure Society,

In the midst of huge changes in the socioeconomic situation, RENGO has taken action to maintain and create employment, to improve wages and working conditions, and to strengthen social safety nets. However, rising prices and rapid increases in energy costs have struck hard at the daily lives of the Japanese people, and those in weaker positions have been placed in more difficult situations due to the fragility of social safety nets, precarious employment, and the expansion of poverty and disparities. We must now check again to see if the entire trade union and RENGO movement is truly "always by your side" for all working colleagues. As society and the economy currently stand at a crossroads, we are being required all the more to deepen the movement to meet the expectations of all working colleagues. We will continue to go forward making efforts toward the realization of a sustainable and inclusive society where everyone can look forward to the future with hope.

Action Policies 2024-2025

We have restructured our seven movement dominant into three "Priority Areas" and four "Areas for Advancement". RENGO headquarter, affiliated organizations, RENGO locals, and local councils will work together with a sense of unity. (Full text of the Action Policies are available on our official website. http://www.jtuc-rengo.org/about/action_policies.html)

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Priority Area

Pursuit of Collective Industrial Relations that will Protect and **Connect All Working Colleagues**

- 1. Construction and Strengthening of Collective Industrial Relations that Include Diverse Types of Workers
- 2. Promotion of Efforts that Connect and Support Working Colleagues and Responses to New Issues
- 3. Attainment of the Organizational Expansion Goal and Strengthening of the Base toward Realization of the "Organizational Expansion Plan 2030"
- 4. Efforts toward the Rejuvenation Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) Making Use of the RENGO Platform (Smiles and Energy Platform)
- 5. Public Opinion Formation and Policy Realization through a New Movement Style; Development of a Movement Expressing the Idea of "Always by Your Side" with All Working Colleagues

Related Goals of SDGs

Areas for Advancement

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- Efforts in the Areas of Peace, Human Rights and Contribution to Society by Social Solidarity and Succession to the Next Generation
- 1. Promoting Mutual-Support and Mutual-Aid Movements
- 2. Promoting Peace Movements
- 3. Approach to Diversified Human Rights Issues
- 4. Strengthening Initiatives for Natural Disasters and Formulating a Business Continuity Plan (BCP)

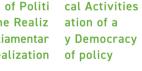




2. Substantial Promotion of Politic 3. Initiatives for Political Reform Sound Parliamentary Democra CV 4. Revitalization of Local Politics

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1. Fundamental Principles of Polit ical Activity al Activities to Achieve

Advancement of the International Trade Union Movement towards the Realization of Decent Work

Promote the Movement to Protect and Create

the Secure Society and Decent Work

1. Efforts for Joint Reform in Social Security, Education and the

2. Promotion of Efforts toward Integrated Solutions to Economic,

3. Promotion of Employment and Labour Policies toward

4. Improvements in Wages and Working Conditions and

Strengthening the Base of SMEs, which Support Local Society

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Realization of Decent Work for all Working Colleagues

Social, and Environmental Issues to Realize a Sustainable and

Comprehensive Tax

Inclusive Society

1. Establishment and Defense of Human Rights, Trade Union Rights and Democracy

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- 2. Strengthening of Collaboration with International Organizations
- 3. Initiatives for the Prevention of Labour Disputes and Promotion of Solutions



Realization of Workplaces and a Society where "True Diversity" in which Each and **Every Person is Respected has Taken Root**

- 1. The Realization of Workplaces and Society in which People can Find a Sense of Worth in Work Regardless of Sex, Age, Nationality, the Existence of Disabilities, Employment Type, etc.
- 2. Promotion of Equal Participation by Men and Women and Gender Equality, and Efforts toward Parity of Working Conditions and a Work-Life Balance
- 3. Efforts for the Promotion of "Fair Work"
- 4. Efforts toward Strengthening of Responses to RENGO's Labour Consultations



- Promoting Workers' Education and the Securing and Fostering of Human **Resources towards Manifestation of** Synergistic Effects between RENGO and **Related Organizations**
- 1. Securing and Development of Human Resources that Support RENGO Movements
- 2. Utilization of Human Resources and Knowledge Associated with in Collaboration with Organizations Related to RENGO
- 3. Promotion of Wide-Ranging Labour Education Inside and Outside Organizations
- 4. Initiatives for the Development of International Human Resources



Major Events in RENGO's History

1987	Japanese Private Sector Trade Union Confederation (JPTUC-RENGO) inaugurated, unifying private sector trade unions of SOHYO, DOMEI, CHURITSU ROREN, SHIN-SANBETSU and other independent federations. December RENGO-RIALS (JTUC Research Institute for Advancement of Living Standards) established	1998
1989	May JILAF (The Japan International Labour Foundation) established November Japanese Trade Union Confederation (RENGO) inaugurated, achieving the unification between private and public sector trade unions. (78 affiliates with 8 million members)	1999 2000
1990	January "Labor Consultation Hotline" set up for workers in smaller businesses and part-time workers May Local RENGOs formed in all 47 prefectures September "Japanese Archipelago Cleaning Campaign" launched as a nationwide united action	2001
1991	July "National Campaign for Working Hour Reduction: Relaxation Caravan" September RENGO Diet Members Council launched November RENGO held the 2nd Biennial Convention	2002
1992	May Official dialogue with the All-China Federation of Trade Unions (ACFTU) resumed December Hosted ICFTU-APRO 15th Regional Congress in Tokyo	2002
1993	May Mass action, "Let's Go to the Diet to Realize Political Reform", human chain around the Diet building October RENGO held the 3rd Biennial Convention	2003
1994	July "RENGO Forum on Policy and Politics" formed December "Joint Study Group for the Creation of New Industries and Employment" launched in collaboration with Nikkeiren (Japan Federation of Employers' Associations)	2004
1995	JanMar. Support activities and fund-raising for victims of the Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake October RENGO held the 4th Biennial Convention November ILEC (Institute of Labour Education and Culture) established	2005
1996	February First overseas showing of "Hiroshima-Nagasa- ki Atomic Bomb Exhibition" in Paris June Nationwide united action for gender equality legislation	2006
1997	February "10-day Sit-in in front of the Diet" held to protest the proposed medical reform plan	

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started

overtime launched



September "Labour-Management Symposium for Work Style Reforms" was co-hosted by RENGO and major 4 economic organizations October RENGO held the 15th Biennial Convention
June Nationwide campaign in response to Work Style Reform Laws launched July Torrential Rain Disaster wreaked havoc in western Japan: RENGO supported volunteer activities and fund-raising November First labour consulting service through SNS (LINE)
October RENGO held the 16th Biennial Convention "RENGO Action" started RENGO Headquarters for Response to Typhoon Hagibis established, fund-raising and volunteer activities developed
March Initiative developed for employment, economic and livelihood support measures regarding the coronavirus crisis April 100th year of May Day in Japan JulSep. Dialogues with the government on labour policy regarding the coronavirus crisis October "Wor-Q" website launched for resolving freelancer issues
June 30% female participation rate reached at RENGO's 85th Central Committee Meeting October Labour-consultation chatbot "UniBo" launched RENGO held the 17th Biennial Convention
November First ITUC President from RENGO elected at the 5th ITUC World Congress
JanFeb. RENGO Immediate Action ("National Caravan" Campaign) & Parade October RENGO held the 18th Biennial Convention

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Leadership



President JAM

Hideyuki SHIMIZU **General Secretary** NIKKYOSO

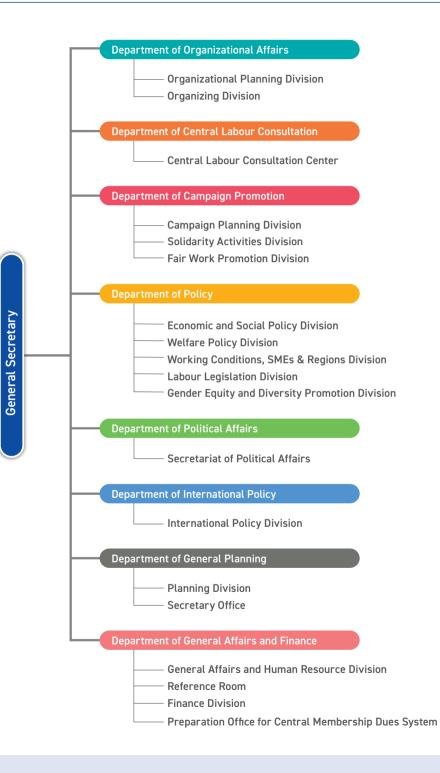
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Headquarter



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01. UA ZENSEN The Japanese Federation of Textile, Chemical, Food, Commercial, Service, and General Worker's	Unions	General Fed Private Raily	way & Bus Workers' Unions of J
02. JIDOSHA SOREN Confederation of Japan Automobile Workers' Union (JAW)	ns Marina	15. FOO Federation of and Tobacco	D RENGO of All Japan Foods Workers' Unions (JFU)
03. JICHIRO All-Japan Prefectural and Municipal Workers Unio		16. SOM	IPO ROREN of Non-Life Insurance Workers' (IIU)
04. DENKI RENGO Japanese Electrical Electronic & Information Union	n Market	17. JR R Japan Railw (JRTU)	ENGO ay Trade Unions Confederation
05. JAM Japanese Association of Metal, Machinery and Manufacturing Workers	Name		KO RENGO
06. KIKAN ROREN Japan Federation of Basic Industry Workers' Unior (JBU)	ns Market	_	U RENGO ration of Aviation Industry Unior
07. SEIHO ROREN National Federation of Life Insurance Workers' Uni	ions With a second s		IN KUMIAI aamen's Union (JSU)
08. JP ROUSO Japan Postal Group Union	Un global secon		IU RENGO Jbber Workers' Union Confedera
09. NIKKYOSO Japan Teachers' Union (JTU)	P		SU ROREN ration of Transport Workers' Un
10. DENRYOKU SOREN The Federation of Electric Power Related Industry Workers' Unions o	of Japan	Japan Feder	VICE RENGO ration of purism Industries Workers' Unic
11. JOHO ROREN The Federation of Information and Communication Technology Service Workers of Ja	upan	Japanese Fe Pulp and Pa	per Workers' Unions
12. UNYU ROREN All Japan Federation of Transport Workers' Unions	s	25. ZEN Japan Feder Electric Wire	e Workers' Unions (JEWU)
13. JEC RENGO Japan Federation of Energy and Chemistry Workers Unions	No.	26. ZEN	KOKU GAS ion of Gas Workers' Unions of Ja

4. SHITETSU SOREN General Federation of rivate Railway & Bus Workers' Unions of Japan	
15. FOOD RENGO iederation of All Japan Foods nd Tobacco Workers' Unions (JFU)	
I 6. SOMPO ROREN ederation of Non-Life Insurance Workers' Unions f Japan (FNIU)	Union Jobal
17. JR RENGO apan Railway Trade Unions Confederation JRTU)	@
8. KOKKO RENGO apan Public Sector Union	PUBLIC SERVICES
I 9. KOKU RENGO apan Federation of Aviation Industry Unions JFAIU)	
20. KAIIN KUMIAI III Japan Seamen's Union (JSU)	Ø
21. GOMU RENGO apanese Rubber Workers' Union Confederation	None and the second
22. KOTSU ROREN apan Federation of Transport Workers' Unions (JFT)	
23. SERVICE RENGO apan Federation of service & Tourism Industries Workers' Unions	
24. KAMIPA RENGO apanese Federation of rulp and Paper Workers' Unions	Industri
25. ZEN DENSEN apan Federation of lectric Wire Workers' Unions (JEWU)	Hduster
26. ZENKOKU GAS	industria

IndustriALL 🚳 ITF PUBLIC SERVICES PSI global **27. INSATSU ROREN 40. JICHI ROREN** Federation of Printing Information Media Workers' Unions **28. CERAMICS RENGO** All Japan Federation of Ceramics Industry Workers 29. ZEN SUIDO PSI All-Japan Water Supply Workers' Union PUBLIC 30. JR SOREN Japan Confederation of Railway Workers' Unions (JRU) global union **31. ZENKOKU NODANRO** National Federation of Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery **32. ZENJIKO ROREN** National Federation of Automobile Transport Workers Unions **33. MEDIA ROREN** Japan Federation of Media, Advertising, Motion picture, and Theater Labor Unions global union 34. ZEN ROKIN Federation of Labour Bank Workers Unions of Japan Council of **35. HEALTH CARE ROKYO** PSI Japanese Health Care Workers' Union PUBLIC 8 **36. SINRIN ROREN** Japanese Federation of Forest and Wood Workers Union UN global **37. ROSAI ROREN** Federation of ZENROSAI Trade Unions 38. ROKYO ROREN

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Confederation of Labour Supply Trade Unions

39. ZEN INSATSU All Printing Bureau Labour Union

National Federation of Prefectural and Municipal Workers' Unions **41. ZENKOKU UNION**

Japan Community Workers Union Federation

42. ZENKOKU KEIBA RENGO National Federation of Horse-racing Workers

43. JA RENGO All Japan Agriculture Cooperative Staff Members' Union

44. KOUN DOMEI Japanese Confederation of Port and Transport Workers' Unions

45. ZEN ZOHEI All Mint Labour Union

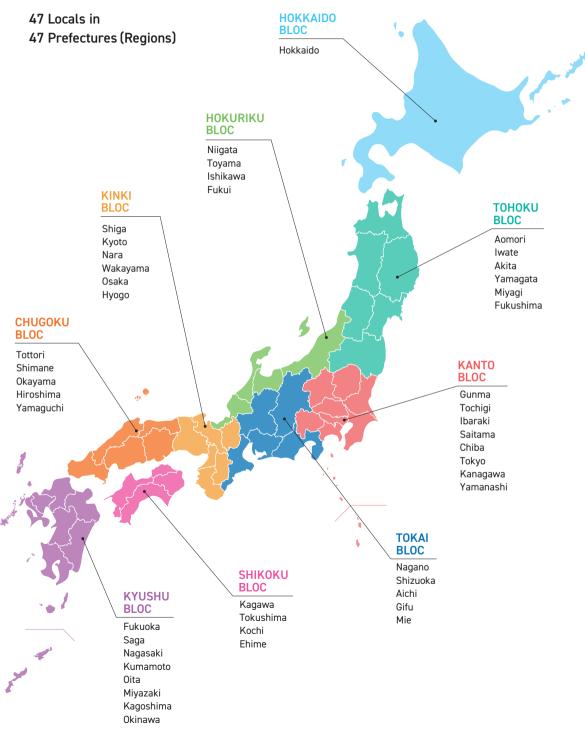
Associated Organizations

46. NIKKENKYO Japan Construction Industry Employee's Unions R)

47. NIKKOKYO Japan Senior High School Teachers Union (JSTU)

as of October 2023

Locals



Related Organizations

RENGO-RIALS

<English> https://rengo-soken.or.jp/english/

連合総研 RENGO Research Institute for Advancement of Living Standards, the RENGO think-tank, started in December 1987 as the first full-scale research body for the trade union movement.



<English> https://www.jilaf.or.jp/English-jilaf/

Japan International Labour Foundation was established by RENGO in May 1989 as an organization to promote international exchange and cooperation in the field of labour.

ILEC

The Institute of Labor Education and Culture is an incorporated association established by RENGO in December 1995 to support workers in their life-long educational cultural activities and contribute to the development of an autonomous and democratic trade union movement.



中央労福協

Taishokusha-RENGO

Japanese Confederation of Retired Persons(JCRP), founded in 1991, is tackling various activities for reforming social systems and building a welfare society together with RENGO so that the retired and pensioners can lead bright, delightful and meaningful lives.

Chuo-Rofukukyo

The Central Council of Worker Welfare Associations is a liaison council composed of worker welfare organizations which is run independently in cooperation with trade union organizations and working people. Its aim is to comprehensively promote worker welfare activities.

Labour Banks, star

<English> https://all.rokin.or.jp/english/index.html

Labour Banks, started in 1950, are financial cooperatives that cultivate the dreams and ideals of our workers. They consider their objectives to be twofold: to promote economic welfare and the environmental and cultural activities of their members, and create, by working together, a society in which all people can live in happiness.

Kokumin Kyosai co-op

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<English> https://www.zenrosai.coop/english/english.html

Kokumin Kyosai co-op stands for the National Federation of Workers and Consumers Kyosai Cooperatives, rebranded from Zenrosai. Based on the cooperative principle, Kokumin Kyosai co-op provides insurance and mutual help for its members. It has been working hand in hand with trade unions for the workers welfare movement, with its service extending to all the workers in the community.