

Thank you Chair, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen.

It is great honor for me to address to the Conference on behalf of Japanese workers.

This year is 70 year of milestone in the history of the Japan's Labour Standards Act.

After World War II, during the period of the reconstruction, trade unions strongly called for the establishment of a law for the workers' protection.

In fact, such union movements contributed to establish actual standards promptly.

After 70 years of the enactment of the Act, workers' and employer's organization agreed on the major reform of the overtime cap with penalties.

This is the significant event, because this led to give a kind of solution for the most important objective for trade unions which is to rectify the long working hours, namely the realization of the Japan's Decent Work.

The spirit of starting point of the union movements based on the principle of 8 hours per day work stipulated in the Act has never been forgotten.

We will develop movements throughout our society by reflecting workers' voices widely to realize working hour rules for all workers so that they are able to continue working in good health.

Next, I'd like to touch on the DG report.

We give high appreciation of the concept of "Work in a changing climate: The Green Initiative" by Director-General.

We also welcome the conclusion of the agreement with UNFCCC in March 2017, to promote "Decent Work and 'Just Transition' of the workforce towards sustainable economies and societies for all".

However, in order to realize "Just Transition" and "Decent Work" specified in Paris Agreement, the stronger collaboration between UNFCCC and ILO is indispensable.

For the creation of a large quantity of Green Job, the ILO

should provide appropriate support with necessary resources.

Furthermore, cooperation at national level between the relevant authorities such as the Ministry of Environment, Labour and Industries is required.

Of course the support by ILO for the promotion and diffusion of the understanding of "Just Transition" should be hand in hand.

ILO needs a further effort in "Green Initiative" so that social dialogue ~~between the governments and the social partners spread through the world~~ should be spread out globally in the realization of "Just Transition" and the creation of "Decent Green Job".

Nowadays, various changes are occurring in the field of technological innovation and in the demographics.

Facing such changes, social dialogue is becoming crucial in developing a future of work that we desire.

Needless to say, social dialogue is the key tool for the

realization of social justice and Decent Work.

In Japan, we have histories, experiences and wisdom of tripartite members which have been responded to changes in industrial structure.

Taking advantage of our experiences, we will promote efforts to realize the future of the work that we desire through social dialogue, while tackling seriously with the newly emerging difficult challenges.

We are approaching to the ILO's centenary.

We should not make this centenary just as "ceremony".

We should make this occasion as momentum that ILO constituents take concrete actions to solve various labour issues in every constituents.respective country.

We, JTUC-RENGO together with ILO Director-General, contribute strongly to realize social justice and promise our utmost efforts.

Thank you for your attention.

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