RENGO 2024-2025

Let's go forward together in all kinds of work



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

1

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.

2

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.

3

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

4

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.

5

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

January

February

Policy and Systems Demands Actions

Spring Labor Offensive (SHUNTO) •

March

International Women's Day Rally

April

May

May Day Rally



June

OKINAWA Peace Rally

July

August



HIROSHIMA Peace Rally NAGASAKI Peace Rally

September

NEMURO (Hokkaido) Peace Rally

October

Biennial Convention



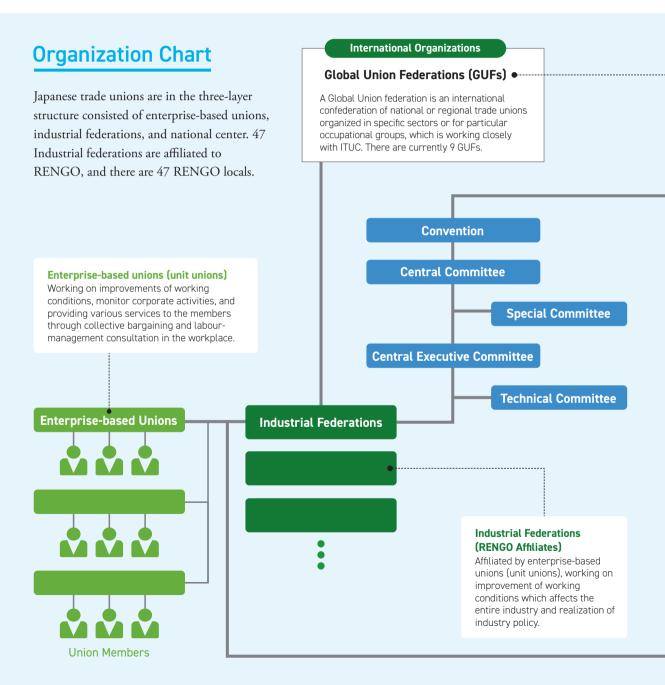
Central Rally to Promote Gender Equality

November

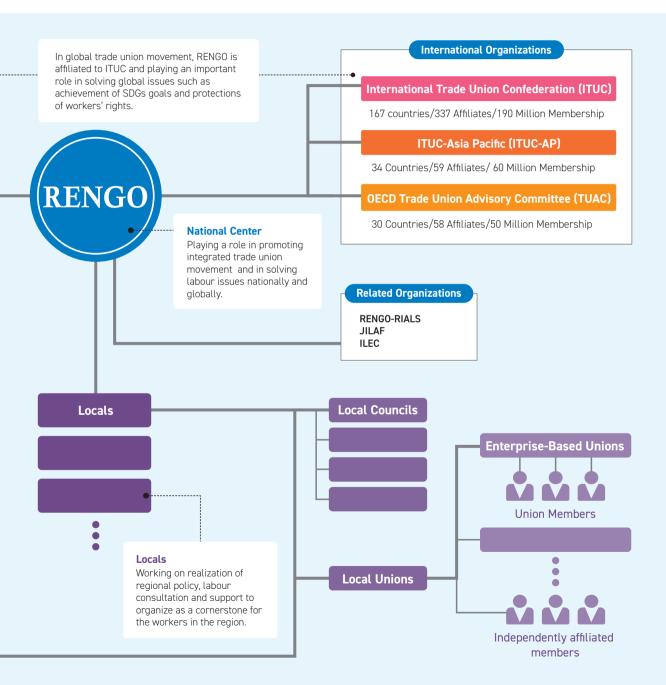
December

"Hope-filled" and "Secure" Society

- 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.



A Secure Society Based on Work

- Protecting, Connecting, and Creating

Bridge [

Connect Education and Work

- Guarantee the opportunity for education to all children
- Free education
- Promote an inclusive education system to all children
- Promote incorporation of Labour Education into curriculum
- Enhance the education developed by solidarity and mutualism
- Improve an environment for smooth transition from education to employment
- Develop an environment where people can keep studying throughout life time



Connect Unemployment to Job Opportunities

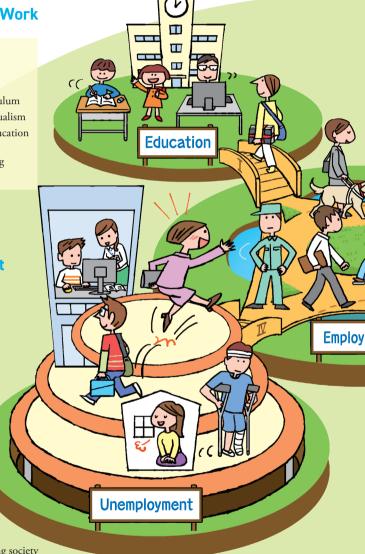
- Develop integrates strategies for job training, fair evaluation, and job matching
- Make employment insurance and social insurance available to all workers
- Enhance support for unemployed and less experienced workers
- Establish "Life Security Entitlements" system
- Secure housing and health care

Foundation

Support for

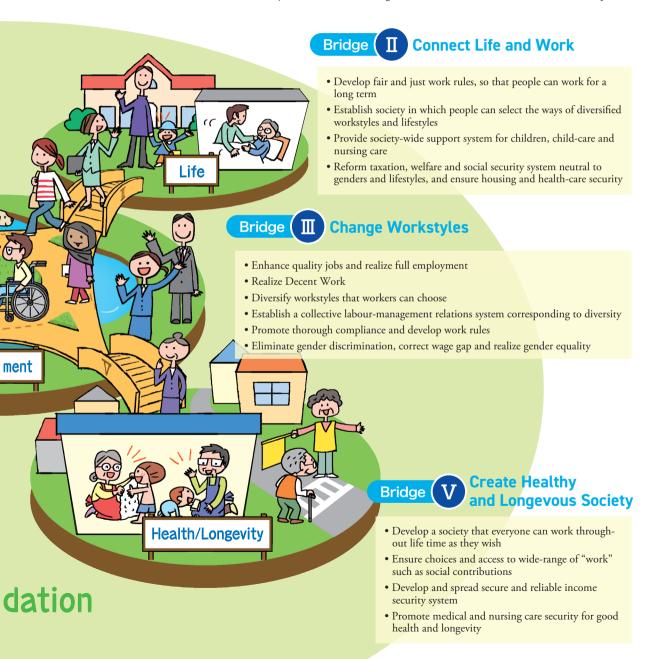
"A Secure Society Based on Work"

- Establish a fair and reliable government
- Strengthen income redistribution system and realize sharing society
- Promote CSR to be carried out and deepen the "Productivity Movement"
- Create green and decent industries and jobs, and realize sustainable growth
- Prepare for natural disasters and develop local community for declined, super aging population with low birth rate



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

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

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)

Promotion of Politi towards the Realiz Sound Parliamentar and the Realization

- 1. Fundamental Principles of Polit
- 2. Substantial Promotion of Politic
- 3. Initiatives for Political Reform Sound Parliamentary Democra
- 4. Revitalization of Local Politics

Related Goals of SDGs























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)

Promote the Movement to Protect and Create the Secure Society and Decent Work

- 1. Efforts for Joint Reform in Social Security, Education and the Comprehensive Tax
- 2. Promotion of Efforts toward Integrated Solutions to Economic, Social, and Environmental Issues to Realize a Sustainable and Inclusive Society
- 3. Promotion of Employment and Labour Policies toward Realization of Decent Work for all Working Colleagues
- 4. Improvements in Wages and Working Conditions and Strengthening the Base of SMEs, which Support Local Society



- 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





























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

- 1. Establishment and Defense of Human Rights, Trade Union Rights and Democracy
- 2. Strengthening of Collaboration with International Organizations
- 3. Initiatives for the Prevention of Labour Disputes and Promotion of Solutions





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		July "Forum on Women's Participation and Shorter Working Hours" held October RENGO held the 5th Biennial Convention
	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	January "Gathering of Smaller Unions - Forum to Rectify Disparities" held October Walk-in by 10 thousand petitioners to block proposed revisions of the Labor Standards Law
1989	May JILAF (The Japan International Labour Foundation) established November Japanese Trade Union Confederation (RENGO) inaugurated, achieving the unification between	1999	October RENGO held the 6th Biennial Convention, and ceremony to commemorate 10th Anniversary
	private and public sector trade unions. (78 affiliates with 8 million members)	2000	JanMar. Petition drive of 10 million signatures calling for pension reform, the reduction of healthcare costs and job creation
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	January "RENGO Declaration for the 21st Century" announced, aiming at the development of a welfare society centered on labor April Burma Office Japan established
1991	July "National Campaign for Working Hour Reduction: Relaxation Caravan" September RENGO Diet Members Council launched November RENGO held the 2nd Biennial Convention		May Mass action by 10 Million Workers "Breaking through the Crisis of Employment and Workers' Lives: Change the Administration" staged October RENGO held the 7th Biennial Convention
1992	May Official dialogue with the All-China Federation of Trade Unions (ACFTU) resumed December Hosted ICFTU-APRO 15th Regional Congress in Tokyo	2002	April Mass action "We Can No Longer Endure—We Won't be Deceived" staged October "Citizens Congress to Support Part-Time Workers: Fair Treatment for Part-Time Workers!" formed
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	October RENGO held the 8th Biennial Convention November Nationwide campaign to eliminate unpaid overtime launched
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	October Relief activities and fund-raising for the Mid-Niigata Prefecture Earthquake implemented December Hosted ICFTU 18th World Congress in Miyazaki
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	JanApr. Signature-collection campaign aimed at the 2005 Review Conference on the Parties to the Treaty on NPT May "Action calling for Nuclear Disarmament at UN General Assembly Hall" organized August "Campaign to oppose a tax increase targeted at
1996	February First overseas showing of "Hiroshima-Nagasa-ki Atomic Bomb Exhibition" in Paris	2007	employed workers" launched October RENGO held the 9th Biennial Convention
	June Nationwide united action for gender equality legislation	2006	January "Simultaneous nationwide campaign to oppose a tax increase targeted at employed workers" started
1997	February "10-day Sit-in in front of the Diet" held to protest the proposed medical reform plan		June "TOKYO Rally to correct disparities" held

2007	JanFeb. Public Dialogues on correcting disparities held nationwide July The Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) won the Upper House election	2017	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
	October The Department of Non-Regular Employment established at the HQ RENGO held the 10th Biennial Convention	2018	June Nationwide campaign in response to Work Style Reform Laws launched
2008	October "World Day for Decent Work" rally		July Torrential Rain Disaster wreaked havoc in westerr Japan: RENGO supported volunteer activities and fund-raising
2009	March "Tripartite Agreement for the Realization of Employment Stability and Job Creation" signed May "Urgent Rally to free Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and		November First labour consulting service through SNS (LINE)
	other democratic activists" held August Change of government following the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) historic victory in the general election	2019	October RENGO held the 16th Biennial Convention "RENGO Action" started RENGO Headquarters for Response to Typhoon Hagibis established, fund-raising and
	October RENGO held the 11th Biennial Convention		volunteer activities developed
2010	December Published proposals on "Towards a 'Secure Society based on Work'", the image of society Japan should aim	2020	March Initiative developed for employment, economic and livelihood support measures regarding the coronavirus crisis April 100th year of May Day in Japan
2011	March The Great East Japan Earthquake hit; RENGO sent volunteer workers to the affected areas October RENGO held the 12th Biennial Convention		JulSep. Dialogues with the government on labour policy regarding the coronavirus crisis October "Wor-Q" website launched for resolving
2012	January "RENGO Town Meetings: for a secure society based on work" held May Plan for "RENGO with 10 million members" endorsed December Coalition government of LDP and Komeito	2021	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
2013	April "STOP unequal society! Campaign for a better	2022	November First ITUC President from RENGO elected at the 5th ITUC World Congress
	living" launched October RENGO held the 13th Biennial Convention	2023	JanFeb. RENGO Immediate Action ("National
2014	March Burma Office Japan closed SepDec. Relayed campaign traveling through all prefectures of Japan against deregulation of worker's protection		Caravan" Campaign) & Parade October RENGO held the 18th Biennial Convention
2015	April Institute for Solidarity-based Society of Hosei University(ISS-HU) commonly known as "RENGO Graduate School" launched August Big rally and surround the Diet by chain of 14000 people with the strong voice, "No to current administration" October RENGO held the 14th Biennial Convention		
2016	AprMay. The Kumamoto Earthquake hit; Rengo supported volunteer activities and fund-raising Augusut Conducted Japan's first workplace awareness		

survey on LGBT

Leadership



Tomoko YOSHINO President JAM



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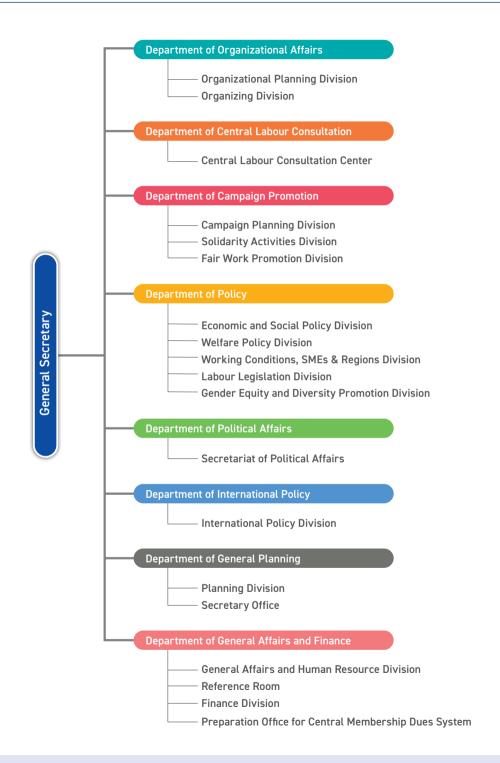
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Headquarter









Private Railway & Bus Workers' Unions of Japan



01. UA ZENSEN









14. SHITETSU SOREN General Federation of



Food, Commercial, Service, and General Worker's Unions

02. JIDOSHA SOREN

The Japanese Federation of Textile, Chemical,





15. FOOD RENGO



Confederation of Japan Automobile Workers' Unions



Federation of All Japan Foods and Tobacco Workers' Unions (JFU)



03. JICHIRO

All-Japan Prefectural and Municipal Workers Union



16. SOMPO ROREN



of Japan (FNIU)

Federation of Non-Life Insurance Workers' Unions



04. DENKI RENGO

Japanese Electrical Electronic & Information Union



17. JR RENGO



Japan Railway Trade Unions Confederation

18. KOKKO RENGO



05. JAM

Japanese Association of Metal, Machinery and Manufacturing Workers



Japan Public Sector Union





19. KOKU RENGO



Japan Federation of Basic Industry Workers' Unions (JBU)



Japan Federation of Aviation Industry Unions (JEAIU)



07. SEIHO ROREN

06. KIKAN ROREN

National Federation of Life Insurance Workers' Unions



20. KAIIN KUMIAI All Japan Seamen's Union (JSU)





21. GOMU RENGO



Japanese Rubber Workers' Union Confederation



09. NIKKYOSO

08. JP ROUSO

Japan Postal Group Union

Japan Teachers' Union (JTU)



22. KOTSU ROREN



Japan Federation of Transport Workers' Unions (JFT)



10. DENRYOKU SOREN

The Federation of

Electric Power Related Industry Workers' Unions of Japan



23. SERVICE RENGO Japan Federation of



Service & Tourism Industries Workers' Unions



11. JOHO ROREN

The Federation of Information and



24. KAMIPA RENGO



Communication Technology Service Workers of Japan



Japanese Federation of Pulp and Paper Workers' Unions

12. UNYU ROREN

All Japan Federation of Transport Workers' Unions



25. ZEN DENSEN

Japan Federation of Electric Wire Workers' Unions (JEWU)



13. JEC RENGO

Japan Federation of **Energy and Chemistry Workers Unions**



26. ZENKOKU GAS

The Federation of Gas Workers' Unions of Japan













27. INSATSU ROREN

Federation of

Printing Information Media Workers' Unions



All Japan Federation of Ceramics Industry Workers

29. ZEN SUIDO

All-Japan Water Supply Workers' Union



30. JR SOREN

Japan Confederation of Railway Workers' Unions (JRU)



31. 7FNKOKU 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



Federation of Labour Bank Workers Unions of Japan



35. HEALTH CARE ROKYO

Japanese Health Care Workers' Union



36. SINRIN ROREN

Japanese Federation of Forest and Wood Workers Union



37. ROSAI ROREN

Federation of ZENROSAI Trade Unions



38. ROKYO ROREN

Confederation of Labour Supply Trade Unions



39. ZEN INSATSU

All Printing Bureau Labour Union



40. JICHI ROREN

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. 7FN 70HFI

All Mint Labour Union

Associated Organizations

46. NIKKENKYO

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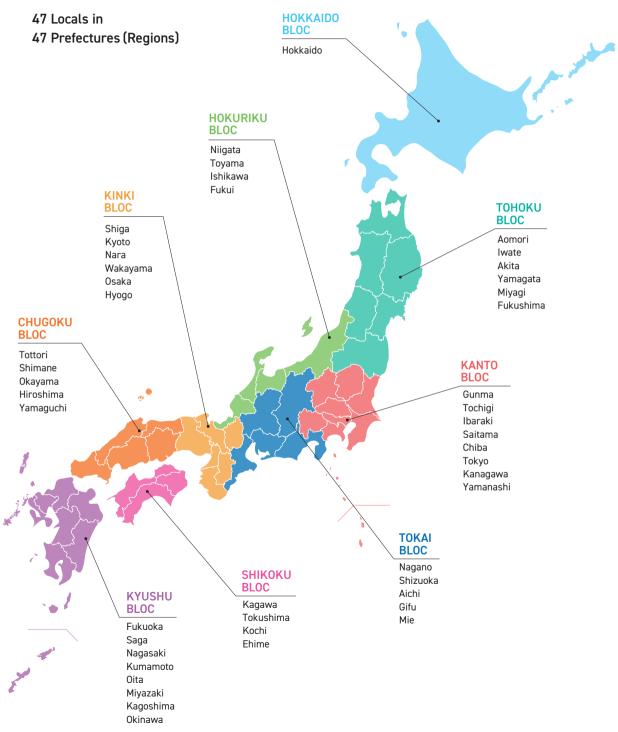
Japan Construction Industry Employee's Unions

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/

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.



JILAF

<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.



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 Bank

<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

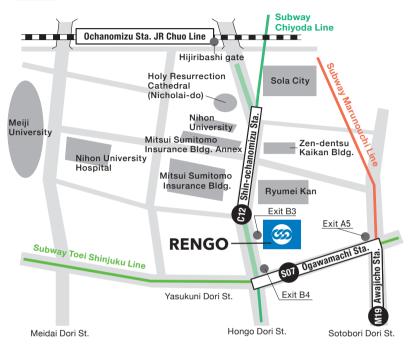
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Kokumin Kyosai co-op stands for the National Federation of Workers and Consumers Kyosai Cooperatives, rebranded from Zenrosai. Based on the cooperative principle, Kokumin Kyosai co-op provides insurance and mutual help for its members. It has been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

Japanese Trade Union Confederation (JTUC-RENGO)

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RENGO SNS (Japanese)

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RENGO UniBo

https://cbgw.kuzen.io/plugins/31897c9ff ce2cd513708326ffd8f302f/def2f8e0476 10af419576aac52d4e841?id=910354 JTUC-RENGO Official Mascot Character

UNIONION

I am UNIONION, RENGO PR Ambassador! My name "UNIONION" is combination of "Union" and "Onion" whose etymology is "unity" in Latin language.



