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News overseas

Workers at Chiyoda win strike

The militant workers' movement as well as government employees scored a number of significant victories in July and August.

Workers at the Chiyoda Integrated Philippines Incorporated, a Japanese-owned firm at the Light Industry and Science Park 1 (LISP 1) in Cabuyao, Laguna won their strike last August 3. The 36-hour strike was concluded when the LISP 1 management and officers of the Tunay at Lumalaban para sa Ikatatatag ng mga Manggagawa sa Chiyoda (TALIM-Chiyoda-Independent)-Kilusang Mayo Uno forged an agreement in a negotiation supervised by the National Conciliation and Mediation Board.



PAMANTIK (Pagkakaisa ng Manggagawa sa Timog Katagalugan) hailed the Chiyoda workers for their initial victory and reminded them to remain vigilant. The regional workers' federation said that Chiyoda's workers must struggle relentlessly to win complete victory in the face of the repressive and exploitative policies of imperialist globalization.

Among the workers' demands carried in the agreement was the reinstatement with full backwages of 52 employees and a number of union members who had been dismissed; the adoption of a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) after the conduct of a certification election; and non-reprisal by either party.

Meanwhile, in Sasa, Davao City, the Nagkahiusang Mamumuo sa Filipinas Port Services, Inc.-National Federation of Labor Unions-Kilusang Mayo Uno (NAMAFIL-NAFLU-KMU) won a certification election against two yellow unions last August 6 by a huge margin. The NAFLU-KMU in Southern Mindanao discovered that the night before the election, organizers of the Associated Labor Unions (ALU) had gathered 22 workers in a beach resort and tried to buy their votes for `100 each.

In Central Luzon, the Workers Alliance of Region III (WAR III) reported the adoption of a "collective negotiating agreement" (CNA) between the municipal government of Mabalacat,

Pampanga and members of the Mabalacat Government Employees Association (MAGEA) on July 24. Mayor Marino Morales signed the CNA as representative of the local government. The CNA is the equivalent of the collective bargaining agreement for government employees.

MAGEA is the second union organized in Central Luzon among employees of the local government. The first—AGENDA (Association of Government Employees for a New Dynamic Angeles City)—was established in 2005 in Angeles City. [AB](#)

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