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Editorial

On to XIth World Congress of TUI

Enthusiastic preparation is going on to hold the XIth World Congress of TUI of Public & Allied Employees at Brasilia, Brazil from 28-30 June 2009. Public Service Unions of Brazil are jointly hosting the Congress.

The Xth Congress of TUI was held at Johannesburg, South Africa on 20-22 March 2006.

During these three years the world has witnessed very significant changes in the world scenario both in respect of political and economic developments. TUI and its affiliates have also conducted a series of struggles against the neo-liberal attacks from the respective capitalist governments.

In political sphere, there have been regime changes in USA during their last election in November 2008 and radical changes in political scenario in Latin American countries. One after another Latin American countries, through electoral process, backed by huge mass movements against neo-liberalism and imperialism are electing left or pro-left governments. This is a new revolutionary significance for the entire working class of the world and all oppressed people.

In the sphere of world economy, most significant is the Wall Street Crash on 15 September 2008 setting in severe world economic crisis and recession. The entire world is now shivering under the impact of this crisis.

ILO has made a swift study of this economic crisis and recession and has projected an extremely grim scenario.

In this very grim economic scenario, the working class and the public employees all over the world are now building up big resistance struggles against the severe economic onslaughts by the ruling classes of different capitalist countries.

So, while the economic recession and consequent offensives on the workers and employees have created an alarming situation and with world capitalism and the entire neo-liberal economy getting highly discredited and unacceptable, new hope has been generated for the working class. The world working class should now intensify their struggles and raise the workers' and employees' consciousness and make organisational preparation to such an extent that the entire system of capitalism is pulled down and a new world free from capitalist exploitation is built up.

The Latin American political developments are a bold indication that this is an achievable goal in not too distant future, if the working class gets ready and builds up a worldwide struggle against capitalist exploitation with a higher level of consciousness of the workers.

The Xth World Congress of TUI of Public & Allied Employees held in March 2006 already sought to project this direction.

Let the ensuing XI Congress of TUI to be held on 28-30 June 2009 be a landmark of public employees' movement and organisation in this direction.

Let us make this Congress a challenging success.