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ANC Celebrates 77 Anniversary

,TTEHdg , Sunday, The African National Congress (ANC) will mark its 77 year anniversary. Formed January 8, 1912 in Bloemfontein, ANC has grown to become the alternative power to apartheid government of South Africa. The ANC is a broad movement, comprising people of varying ideological positions but all agree for the need to destroy apartheid and form democratic government in South Africa. For 77 years the movement have been opposing racial discrimination, colonialism, and white domination. Some of its leading members like Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu have spend over quarter-of-century in Pretoria Prisons for their opposition to Apartheid. Today the majority of people, especially the Black People, and even among P.W. Bothas supporters agree that there can be no resolution of South African problems without ANC participation.

ANC aims to create a democratic, non-racial and United South Africa. To abolish racial discrimination, Apartheid and Bantustands, to allow every South African, white and Black to vote and to be voted into all organs of government through one-man-one-vote. We will have a multi-party state with mixed economic system.

To mark the anniversary of ANC a meeting is organised at Yamate Church Shibuya. Japan Socialist Party, Japan Communist Party, Social Democratic Party, Japan Asia Africa Latin America Solidarity committee (AALA), Japan Anti-Apartheid committee (JAAC), SOHYO, Buraku Liberation league, PLO representative to Japan, and Assemblywoman of Tokyo Metropolitan Government Ms. Mitsui Mariko will pledge solidarity with the oppressed people of South Africa. The organisations will also report about thier Anti-Apartheid activities for 1989. ANC-chief representative to Japan, Jerry Mastila will deliver the key address.

The meeting begins at 16:00 in the afternoon. For further inquiries telephone -- ANC Tokyo Office 03-382-2441