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RE:Visit to Japan

Dear Martin Sebakwane,

Greetings to all SARHWU NEC and entire Union membership. We draw great inspiration from your determined struggle and challenge to the Pretoria regime and its apartheid structures where majority of your members are from to toil. We also read with shock state assault and intimidation on your members. The incident of Comrade Sidwell Nonno, a shop steward at the Cape Town docks is a clear demonstration that we should all remain vigilant, intensifies our common struggles and protect our leaders.

Your struggle against privatisation has won many friends and support in East Asia, especially Japan. They too have gone through similar experience few years back and I hope SARHUU can learn a lot from Japanese Railway workers. This explains why they have invited you, or President or any executive committee member to come and address Union Conferences and rallies across Japan.

Comrade I personally will request SARHUU to accept this invitation. It is very important because Japanese companies are busy buying companies abroad and my think of buying SAR. We need SARHWU official to tell them not to even think about it. There is also potential of financial assistance here. Your coming here will also interest Japanese workers to take part in preparations and rallies been organised for Comrade Mandela visit to Japan in few months to come.

Please send short CV of whoever is coming, project proposals for funding.

Will meet you in Tokyo soon.

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ANC Chief Representative to Japan.