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MESSAGE TO KUSHIRO-CITY CITIZENS ANTI-APARTHEID ORGANISATION

MARKING 50TH ISSUE OF "KUSHIRHATHU SA CORRESPONDENCE" FROM JERRY MATSILA ANC
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We will like to join all concerned and good-hearted people everywhere in congratulating you in celebrating the 50th issue of "Kushirhathu - SA Correspondence". This people's magazine have served as a vital link, an umbilical cord, between the citizens of Kushiro and the oppressed black majority in South Africa. The strong bond developed over half-a-century will serve as a testimony to your genuine desire to assist your fellow-man in such a faraway region of the world.

In my almost five years in Japan, I haven't come to know the people of Kushiro through the Kushiro-city Citizens Anti-apartheid Organization. I met outstanding leaders like Tamba-san, Prof. Miyake and Asano-san and many anti-apartheid and solidarity activists in Hokkaido. I slept in your homes, visited your schools, public places and almost went everywhere.

I was in South Africa two weeks ago and Amandla group members still ask about Kushiro and the down-to-earth people over there. Although very cold, the warm hearts of Kushiro citizens fired them with heat.

Presently, the South African anti-apartheid movement have opened a new chapter and sector of struggle - NEGOTIATION. In April and May, CODESA negotiations is scheduled to resume.

It is anticipated that the resumed CODESA negotiation will lead to the creation of Transitional Executive Council KTECJ, Independent Election Commission and Independent Mass Media Commission. These arrangements will lead to the arrangement for the first one-person-one-vote, non-racial election in the history of South Africa, late this year or first quarter of 1994. The first for the black people in 400 years.

The ANC priority between now and 1994 is to win this election. The Anti-apartheid forces, those who have suffered, been imprisoned, tortured and brutalised deserve landslide victory at the polls. Our slogan for election will be "NOW IS TIME". However, we have problems; ANC have no election experience, no election infrastructure, no resources and funds, of the 21 million people expected to vote, 18 million have never-ever took part in any election, about 57% potential voters are illiterate and more.

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historic events ahead is not only solidarity but an
consideration.

KushirhathU"SA Correspondence have survived? It must continue! Our
people are with you. Victory is Certain? AMANDLA?