

Busan, 26 October 2008

Dear survivors of the Schiphol-fire and their friends,

It's really a deep sorrow.

Because we have to share and remember same tragedy as well in the Netherlands as in Korea instead to enjoy and remember the many beautiful and shining things in our both countries.

We know that 3 years are already passed since the fire happened in the Schiphol airport detention center and took migrants lives. A same sort of fire happened also in Yeosu Immigration Detention Center in South-Korea on February, 2007 and also took 10 innocent undocumented migrants lives.

At that time we cried, got angry and were desperate by this unbelievable reality.

At the same time, we asked by ourselves: Why did they die? (Actually this question should be changed "Who did kill them?")

How we can stop the crackdown, detention and deportation of undocumented migrants?

How can we finish this kind of tragedies?

To reflect about these questions we should continue to remember and look back. We should be together with the tears, anger and despair even though it's so hard.

Then, we hope to walk together in the free and peaceful world without residents permits, step by step instead of fighting for getting the right papers.

Lastly, we sincerely wish that the victims' departed spirits are with peace and freedom wherever they are.

In solidarity

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