

Car Industry (China): the Changchun FAW-Volkswagen dispatch workers' struggle

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Please find the full English report of the FAW- Volkswagen in Changchun China.

The report is translated directly from Chinese to English by GM. It is a successful experience of international solidarity supporting Chinese labour activists and we hope everybody would be inspired by the good work.

From the photo, we see that the worker activist Fu Tianbo is just a 30-year-old young man and he said the struggle has just begun...With this, we have hope on the labour movement in China.

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The struggle of Changchun FAW-Volkswagen dispatch workers to defend their right to be paid equally for equal work started in November 2016. They adopted tactics, ranging from meeting with the pro-management union, holding public assemblies, processions, and protests, to urge the automotive joint venture to address the problem that dispatch workers and permanent workers are paid differently, even though they carry out the same job. However, not only was the dispute still unresolved in May 2017, three elected workers' representatives were also arrested by the police. Representatives Wang Shuai and Ai Zhenyu were later released on bail pending trial, but Fu Tianbo was still in custody in February 2018.

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Fu Tianbo's release was better late than never and is a source of comfort for solidarity groups from outside of mainland China like ours. Nonetheless, the new wave of actions by dispatch workers to defend their rights starting from September 2018 shows that their "transition to permanent status" has not been a satisfactory solution to the problem. Many workers still think that they are not paid properly and reasonably, especially those who have been working there for many years. They believe they should be compensated for the shortfall in wages they have had to endure in the past years, while the group of workers who were laid off due to the "transition" are now facing difficulties in making ends meet. We can expect the Changchun FAW-Volkswagen dispatch workers' struggle to defend their rights will continue until there is a more reasonable solution.

See the full report:

<http://globalmon.org.hk/equal-pay-equal-work-for-FAW-VW-dispatch-workers>
