

Statement of Protest to Russian Invasion of Ukraine

We high school students strongly protest the Russian invasion of Ukraine and threatening the use of nuclear weapons by Putin, and call on the nations around the world to make the utmost efforts for immediate peaceful solutions.

Until now, the Peace Seminar of High School Students has continued peace learning activities on the history of wars in various parts of Japan, including Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which are atomic bombed cities, and Okinawa, where there was a ground battle. We also listened to many experiences of A-bomb survivors and learned that the damage caused by nuclear weapons will extend to posterity in the future, not just once.

This invasion of Ukraine, which violates the Charter of the United Nations and international laws, is unacceptable for us seeking a peaceful world.

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons has come into effect, and we are now working on the "Signature of High School Students Requesting the Japanese Government to Sign and Ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons." Russia's threatening actions with nuclear weapons are against the world's move to prevent nuclear war and avoid arms race. If nuclear weapons should be used, the cost would be incomparable to those of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and it must be avoided.

War is the greatest violence and the human rights violation that robs people's lives, livelihoods and the future of young people, creates conflict and hatred, destroys culture and the environment, and robs the foundations of democracy.

What we are seeking is a world without war and nuclear weapons. As citizens in the only A-bombed country with the Peace Constitution, and as future generations, we strongly call for "against war" and unite with people all over the world.

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