

Message of Solidarity to Peace Dialogue Meeting for Caracas

On behalf of the Japan Asia-Africa-Latin America Solidarity Committee (Japan AALA), I am sending this sincere greeting of solidarity to everyone who participated in the meeting of "Message to the citizens of the world – Dialogue for Peace, Sovereignty and Democracy in Venezuela".

Having inherited the spirit of the Bandung Conference and being an observer organization of Non-Aligned Countries movement, we are working for non-nuclear, non-aligned and neutral Japan, embracing protection of the right of self-determination of all countries. In this course, we are encouraged by and share solidarity with the people of Latin America including Venezuela who are fighting for being independent from the backyard of the United States and moving forward to social reformations. Standing on such position, we cannot accept the intensifying interference and pressure on Venezuela in recent years by the United States and also form international organizations and countries that are tuned with the United States. In particular, we denounce such actions taken by Trump administration as openly threatening with military intervention and using economic and financial blockade to the country, because we consider these are attacks to people of the world seeking peace and progress.

We are confident that the economic and political crisis faced by Venezuela must be and can be solved by Venezuelan citizens themselves abided by dialogue and democratic processes. We oppose to any external interference or pressure to Venezuela, and we hold strong solidarity with everyone fighting to keep Venezuela's sovereignty and peace, defend democracy, overcome economic crisis and accomplish improved living of the country. We wish that the conference will contribute to the progress of the fight.

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