

Japan AALA denounces North Korea's nuclear test, demands start of dialogue

Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) forced the sixth nuclear test on September 3, 2017. This is a serious defiance to international community aiming for abolition of nuclear weapons which has created the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty. Such outrage cannot be forgiven by the peace organization of the sole country that suffered from A-bomb in the war. The act will further strain tensions in Northeast Asia and go against the peaceful solution of the problem. We strongly urge North Korea to immediately stop nuclear tests and missile launches.

Pressure and intimidation to North Korea using nuclear deterrence theory cannot stop their reckless act but only induce unexpected circumstances as confrontation escalates. We oppose any military action which will result in tremendous sacrifices, and request each country to make efforts to bring peace through dialogue. We demand the Trump administration stop the hostile policy and military intimidations to North Korea, and take immediate steps to start unconditional dialogue.

We urge the Japanese government to cease the diplomacy of following the United States, and take its own initiatives towards peaceful settlement. It should encourage direct dialogue between the North Korea and the United States, and also restart bilateral talks between Japan and North Korea based on the achievement of the Japan-North Korea Pyongyang Declaration

We strongly urge the six-party to resume talks aiming at denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and establishing peace zone in Northeast Asia. In addition, as an organization qualified to observe Non-Aligned Nations Summit Meetings, we hereby request the Non-Aligned Nations Coordinating Bureau to work on the international community to take concerted action to stop North Korea's provocative acts, and also request the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to reach out to resolve the North Korean problem through dialogue.

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