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Opening remarks by Mr. Komatsuzaki Sakae,President of Japan AALA

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished foreign guests, national delegates and members of direction,

Ladies and gentlemen

I would like to express my deepest appreciation and heartfelt greeting for your presence

At first I would like to ask you to join me in offering a silent prayer for our associates who have passed away before achieving their goal for these two years after the last congress.

This year commemorates the 60th anniversary of foundation of Japan AALA and Bandung Conference. Its history of 60 years has never as shined as at this time, and its reason detour has never been realized as ever.

Despite twists and turns, retreats and setbacks, the world, breathing the Bandung spirits, is making progress towards the international community of peace and prosperity based on principles of no-aligned and people oriented policy which Japan AALA is aiming at. This move has led to establishment of regional communities in different parts of the world which are making a steady progress. I believe that it is this development which has made Cuba-US diplomatic restoration possible and Iran-US nuclear agreement as well.

What is the Japanese government doing? Abe administration, in the name of “active pacifism” changed 180 degrees interpretation of the constitution, violently bulldozed through so called War Bill which allows Japanese Self Defense Forces to engage in the combats overseas to support US military at anytime and anywhere in the world.

At 51th congress two years ago, Japan AALA decided to make effort as an NGO for a creation of Community of Peace, Cooperation and Prosperity in East Asia, which is crucial for us to countermeasure Abe’s policy of strengthening military alliance with US and important for Japan to integrate into the world trend for peace and coexistence.

According to this orientation we have been making different kinds of efforts including

consults with Japanese different organizations, meeting with foreign diplomats in Japan. We sent a delegation of 24 members to ASEAN countries last year to study its experience for a creation of ASEAN community. They had talks with government officials and NGO expert at ASEAN head office in Jakarta and foreign ministry in Myanmar. The delegation was welcomed and encouraged by their support to our ideas.

We held lecture meetings on the community of peace in different local cities across Japan. We invited foreign diplomats as a lecturer including His Excellency Venezuelan Ambassador Seiko Ishikawa, Palestinian Ambassador Waleed A. Shiam as well as Mr. Ogata Yasuo, vice chair of JCP. All of three are present here today. I would like to express my deepest appreciation for their cooperation,

On May 24, we celebrated an international symposium with the title “For a Creation of Community of Peace, Cooperation and Prosperity in East Asia”, at U Thant Hall of UN University in Tokyo. We invited foreign experts from China, Indonesia, South Korea, Vietnam and Japan as panelists. The symposium was a great success. The hall was full with 350 participants who were encouraged and energized by rich discussions. I would like to express my deepest gratitude for all people concerned for their contribution.

Regarding other issues such as work to strengthen our organization I will talk details later in my report. Here I will call on you for our urgent task.

The first is a campaign for abolishment of so called War Bill.

The bill enacted by the recent Diet is unconstitutional. It violates the article 9 which stipulates that Japan forever renounce the sovereign right of war by settling international disputes. The Bill aims at strengthening Japan US military alliance which is utterly against the policy of Non Aligned and No Nuclear which Japan AALA stands for. We have been opposing the Bill. Now enacted, our challenge is to fight against its implementation and for abolishment of the Bill.

Responding people’s call, JCP made a proposal to abolish the Bill and defend constitutionalism, calling for a broad united front to win the general and upper house election and overthrow Abe government. We welcome the proposal. We will join in this coalition and do our best to abolish the Bill.

There are good prospects.

First of all, the War Bill infringes the constitution which has been embedded to Japanese people's life. A strong opposition to the Bill has spread all over Japan and people's conscience on the constitutionalism and pacifism has consolidated.

Secondly, the Bill goes against the world trend which is "from confrontation to cooperation" "from military alliance to community of peace" The War Bill also will destroy world's trust and expectation to Japan which has been fomented by pacifism based on the article 9. When I took part in the Non Aligned Summit in 2013 in Tehran, I had meetings with some of heads of states presenting reality of Japanese government's subordination to the US and serious problems of US military bases in Japan. Some of them were surprised with existence of foreign military bases in the advanced country such as Japan. They also expressed their respect to Japan AALA which has been fighting such situation, saying "Many of non-aligned countries were suffering with same situation until short while ago. People's struggle made it possible to overcome".

Abe cabinet which is running against world trend, has no future. Japan AALA does. Let's strengthen further solidarity with non-aligned, no nuclear countries which we have developed in the no governmental level. One of the most important task is to oppose Israeli's occupation and military oppression to Palestinian people and support their struggle for independence and freedom. We will do our best to press Japanese government and Diet to early recognize Palestinian statehood. Let's appeal Japanese people to oppose US intervention to other countries and support Venezuelan people's struggle for their right of auto determination.

Expand a signature collect campaign for a petition to leaders of Asian countries not to use of force but to resolve a dispute through peaceful means and strengthen a mutual trust. Along with this effort, let's take part in the struggle for abolishment of the War Bill and restoration of constitutional democracy.

In order to step up this historical struggle, it is imperative to expand and strengthen our association, Let's make an vigorous effort to set up a local committee in all prefectures with the goal of 10 thousand membership.

I conclude to call for your cooperation for a success of this historical congress.

Thank you very much.

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Mensaje de S.E. Sr. Seiko Ishikawa, Embajador de la República Bolivariana de Venezuela, ante el Congreso Nacional del Comité de Solidaridad con los Pueblos de Asia, África, América Latina – Japan AALA

En nombre del Gobierno y Pueblo de la República Bolivariana de Venezuela, es un honor enviar un mensaje bolivariano, fraternal y solidario a los participantes en este Congreso Nacional 2015 del Comité japonés de Solidaridad con los Pueblos de Asia, África y América Latina (Japan AALA), en especial, durante este año, cuando se conmemora el 60 aniversario de su constitución.

Valoramos altamente la infatigable y fructífera labor de solidaridad que Japan AALA ha desarrollado a lo largo de tres continentes, en 60 años de arduo e infatigable trabajo, en beneficio de la hermandad y la armonía entre los pueblos, basados en los más altos ideales por la Paz mundial.

Japan AALA, en su calidad de movimiento de solidaridad con mi país, fue el pionero en la proyección de los logros de la Revolución Bolivariana, bajo el liderazgo del Comandante Presidente Hugo Chávez, a pocos años de su inicio. Han sido múltiples los intercambios con Venezuela, a través de numerosas visitas, encuentros de amistad, conferencias, actividades culturales, que han permitido llegar a todos los rincones de la geografía japonesa. Destacamos en especial el apoyo solidario durante la campaña para derogar el Decreto del Presidente Obama, en el que declara a Venezuela como amenaza para su país.

Venezuela posee una altísima sensibilidad humanitaria y social en la construcción de un nuevo equilibrio mundial, identificado con los principios de igualdad, solidaridad y cooperación internacional, orientado a fortalecer el multilateralismo y la convivencia

pacífica entre los Estados, en consonancia con la Carta de las Naciones Unidas.

Al conmemorar este año el 70 aniversario de las bombas atómicas sobre Hiroshima y Nagasaki, Venezuela reafirma el imperativo de orientar todos los esfuerzos de la comunidad internacional hacia la búsqueda de la Paz Mundial y un Sistema Económico que garantice el Desarrollo Social en beneficio del Ser Humano. La acción internacional de la República Bolivariana de Venezuela en materia de desarme y seguridad, se ajusta a las directrices de su política exterior, consagradas en su Constitución, en la que establece que el Estado impedirá la fabricación y uso de las armas nucleares y promoverá el desarme nuclear.

La Carta de Jamaica del Libertador Simón Bolívar, escrita hace 200 años, es el pensamiento precursor del antiimperialismo, del anticolonialismo, de la unidad de los pueblos de la América, y es la base de los ideales de la Revolución Bolivariana. El Presidente Chávez pronunció estas palabras en la Sexagésima sesión de la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas, el 15 de septiembre del 2005: "... nosotros lucharemos por Venezuela, por la integración latinoamericana y por el mundo. Reafirmamos aquí en este salón nuestra infinita fe en el hombre, hoy sediento de Paz y de Justicia para sobrevivir como especie. Simón Bolívar, Padre de nuestra patria y guía de nuestra revolución, juró no dar descanso a su brazo, ni reposo a su alma, hasta ver a la América Libre. No demos nosotros descanso a nuestros brazos, ni reposo a nuestras almas hasta salvar a la Humanidad".

Para finalizar, permítanme extenderle nuestras sinceras felicitaciones por este Congreso y hacer votos por una prolongada y exitosa trayectoria de este grupo solidario, y manifestarles las seguridades de nuestro aprecio y consideración especial.

Reciban todos un abrazo muy cordial y fraterno.

