

Prior to the start of the present conflict, we were engaged in aid activities in Syria. Following the start of the war, we have been providing humanitarian aid, and we began working for peace in Syria after hearing the voices of common citizens who have been affected by the war's violence.

The path towards peace in Syria has become increasingly difficult. In December 2015, the United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 2254, but due to increasing tensions among nations in the region, and conflicting interests among those nations, the US and countries in Europe, the way forward is unclear.

Humanitarian aid has become ever more necessary, but no matter how much aid is provided, there will be no end to the loss of life and numbers of refugees without the establishment of a fundamental peace.

We believe the 2016 Ise-Shima G7 Summit in Japan will be an important opportunity for realizing peace in Syria. Japan is highly trusted by Syrians and civil society in the Middle East, and in regards to peace in Syria, Japan is one of the few countries in the G7 that does not have a special stake in the conflict. Also, on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 Japan became a Non-permanent Member of the UN Security Council. This brings increasing international responsibility, and there are high expectations for Japan's new role. Furthermore, due to the increasing number of Syrian refugees fleeing to neighboring nations and Europe, there are reports of citizens of these nations who see the Syria issue as an important part of the G7 Ise-Shima Summit agenda.

Taking the above factors into account, we advocate that not only the issue of humanitarian aid, but also the following two points be addressed at the G7 Ise-shima Summit:

We ask the Government of Japan to assume leadership in the Syrian peace process. Concretely speaking, at the Summit we ask the government to lead discussions among G7 leaders for promoting a process of non-military dialogue in line with the UN Security Council Resolution 2254.

1. We ask the Government of Japan to assume this leadership role in order to promote smooth discussions in which the leaders of each G7 nation rise above their national interests to work towards a non-military resolution for Syrian peace.

The G7 Ise-Shima Summit is a unique opportunity for Japan as a non-permanent member of the Security Council to show the world its leadership in the process leading

to peace in Syria. We sincerely hope the Japanese Government will positively respond to this opportunity.

- ① Organize a workshop as a venue for Syrian refugees in neighboring nations to talk about the future of Syria by themselves.
- ② Convene a forum for dialogue among Syrian and Japanese experts in academia to work towards a ceasefire and post-conflict reconstruction.
- ③ Develop a scheme for Japan to accept Syrian refugees including university students.

- The Syria support organization SADAQA FOR SYRIA
- NPO Japan Iraq Medical Network (JIM-NET)
- NPO Japan International Volunteer Center (JVC)
- NPO Corporation World Vision Japan (WVJ)
- NPO Japan Association for Refugees (JAR)

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- WOMEN'S FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE
- Anti - war Network
- Civic Institute for Civil Society
- MIE NPO Network Center
- Association of Yokkaichi NPOs
- Japan Iraq Medical Network
- Japan Campaign to Ban Landmines
- Lilio Environmental Forum
- Asian Health Institute (AHI)
- Students for a Free Tibet Japan Mie chapter
- RHYTHM NET WORK
- Africa Japan Forum
- A SEED JAPAN
- Amnesty International Japan
- Nippon International Cooperation for Community Development
- Ayus-Bhuddist Temple
- Oxfam Japan
- KAMONOHASHI Project
- Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation
- PEACEBOAT
- Children and Women Islamic Association
- Sadaqa for Syria
- Japan Campaign to Ban Landmines
- Save the Children Japan
- NGO No War Network
- Nanmin Now
- Association for Aid and Relief, Japan
- Japan Iraq Medical Network
- Japan Action for Relief Center
- Japan International Volunteer Center
- Japan Syria Cooperation Association

- CCP Japan
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- Human Rights Now
- MOMRINGS
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