

Don't Allow the Right to Collective Self Defense and Protect Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution
We oppose admission of use of the “right to collective self defense”
Anti-War Petition

Prime Minister, Abe Shinzo

To date, the majority of wars have been conducted for the so-called sake of “self defense.”

No wars have been started for the stated purpose of “invasion.” Thus, at the plenary session of the House of Representatives of Japan in 1946, the then Prime Minister Yoshida Shigeru stated that the pacifism of Article 9 of the Constitution ““does not directly deny the right to self-defense, however, as a result of not allowing any armaments nor the right to belligerency in the second clause of Article 9, we abandon the execution of war as the right to self-defense, as well as the right to belligerency.”

However, Liberal Democratic Party-led governments throughout history have changed the interpretation of the Constitution, taking the interpretation that the right to individual self-defense is permitted, however the right to collective self-defense is not allowed under Article 9.

In other words, Japan's “self-defense” is permitted, however participation in other countries' wars for the defense of other countries is not allowed.

The forced vote of the Act on the Protection of Specially Designated Secrets in 2013 leads to information being hidden from citizens, and strengthening of the system to make Japan a war-waging nation.

“The only thing we gained from the Second World War is the Peace Constitution.”

These are the words of Shiroyama Saburo, a writer who was a navy underwater special attack soldier as a boy.

Within the Japanese Constitution is the strong decision of the Japanese people to never again conduct a war which destroys all things and deprives the people of all.

We oppose all moves to change Japan into a war-waging nation, abandoning the principles of the Japanese Constitution. We call for the creation of a society in which all people can live in peace with mutual respect.

Demands

1. We demand that the right to the use of collective self-defense will not be allowed through change in the interpretation of Japan's Constitution and that the ideals of Article 9 be realized.

2. We oppose all legislation and policies which promote participation in war.

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