

For the 21st Century of Safety and Mutual Trust

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My name is Ikeda Nobuaki. I came from Japan. I am a director of a private hospital. Our hospital decided not to cooperate in a war of aggression, and the resolution is displayed on the front bulletin board. In its war of aggression against Asian countries during World War II, Japan inflicted suffering on Asian peoples.

Reflecting this, Japan's Constitution stipulates as follows:

"Aspiring sincerely to an international peace based on justice and order, the Japanese people forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force as means of settling international disputes."

But successive conservative administrations attempted to revise this provision. Most of the Japanese people are proud of the Constitution. We call it the Peace Constitution. Our bulletin for not cooperating in a war of aggression represents the spirit of the Constitution.

I feel great indignation against terrorists who are responsible for the disastrous event of September 11 last year. But I must not support the retaliation war by the U.S. government. Retaliation invites retaliation, which has been demonstrated in Palestine now.

World War II caused about 56 million casualties. In order that such tragedy may not be repeated, I hope that peoples of world countries reject the use of military forces to solve conflict and pave the way toward international cooperation and solidarity. Our hospital will keep on displaying the bulleting board expressing no cooperation in a war of aggression. The Japanese people will preserve the peace Constitution.