

Recommending the Nomination of The Nationwide Network for Lawsuits on the Unconstitutionality of the New Security Laws and The National Citizens' Action to Say No! to the Revision of Article 9 of the Constitution for the Nobel Peace Prize 2023

Joint Nomination Letter

We nominate

**The Nationwide Network for Lawsuits on the Unconstitutionality of the New Security Laws
and**

The National Citizens' Action to Say No! to the Revision of Article 9 of the Constitution
for the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize, as they stand at the forefront of the movement to protect Article 9 of the Constitution of Japan that renounces war and to disseminate the principle that the Article represents around the world.

Japan adopted the Preamble and Article 9 of the Constitution of Japan in order to declare its determination not to engage in war ever again after its citizens experienced the catastrophe of the Asia-Pacific War.

However, the Japanese government has announced that the country will have the capability to attack enemies' military bases and other policies that will enable pre-emptive attacks. The government has recently announced that Japan will increase its defense spending to 43 trillion yen over the next five years, which will make the country the world's third-largest military powerhouse behind the United States and China. This is nothing but an attempt to change the Constitution for the worse or reduce it to a dead letter, so that Japan will turn into a state ready to engage in war.

Despite these challenging circumstances, these two organizations are determined not to allow the change to materialize and continue their activities to safeguard the pacifist Constitution and prevent war at all costs.

In July 2014, the Japanese government had the security legislation, which is also called a war legislation, approved by the Cabinet, and in September 2015, the government railroaded the legislation at the Diet. The Nationwide Network for Lawsuits on the Unconstitutionality of the New Security Laws stated that the legislation was utterly unconstitutional, and instituted 25 civil actions in 22 courts across Japan. 7,700 plaintiffs and 1,700 attorneys have strong support from a great many citizens of the country.

The National Citizens' Action to Say No! to the Revision of Article 9 of the Constitution integrates actions by peace organizations across Japan to protest against the series of constitutional violations by the Japanese government. The National Citizen's Action collected 12,369,461 signatures for the petition "Signatures for the Constitution," which was submitted to the government.

To protect Article 9 of the Constitution of Japan that renounces war, and to ensure that Japan practices and disseminates the principle that the Article represents around the world, we nominate these two organizations that have continued to stand at the forefront of the movement to safeguard the current Constitution of Japan.

Qualified Nominators: 1 0 9

● Members of national assemblies and national governments (cabinet members/ministers) of sovereign states as well as current heads of state

3 3 Members, House of Representatives of Japan :

	Name	Party
1	ABE Tomoko	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
2	AKAMINE Seiken	Japanese Communist Part
3	ARAI Yutaka	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
4	ARAKAKI Kunio	Social Democratic Party
5	KAMATA Sayuri	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
6	KASAI Akira	Japanese Communist Party
7	KOKUTA Keiji	Japanese Communist Party
8	KONDO Shoichi	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
9	KOYAMA Nobuhiro	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
10	KUSHIBUCHI Mari	REIWA SHINSENGUMI
11	MICHISHITA Daiki	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
12	MIYAMOTO Takeshi	Japanese Communist Party
13	MIYAMOTO Toru	Japanese Communist Party
14	MOTOMURA Nobuko	Japanese Communist Party
15	OGAWA Junya	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
16	OHKAWARA Masako	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
17	OHSAKA Seiji	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
18	OKAMOTO Akiko	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
19	OTSUKI Kureha	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
20	SAKURAI Shu	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
21	SHII Kazuo	Japanese Communist Party
22	SHIMOJO Mitsu	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
23	SHINOHARA Takashi	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
24	SUEMATSU Yoshinori	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
25	TAMURA Takaaki	Japanese Communist Party
26	TEZUKA Yoshio	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
27	TSUTSUMI Kaname	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
28	WASEDA Yuki	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan

29	WATANABE So	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
30	YAMAGISHI Issei	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
31	YAMAZAKI Makoto	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
32	YOSHIDA Harumi	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
33	YOSHIKAWA Hajime	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan

28 Members, House of Councillors of Japan :

	Name	Party
1	FUKUSHIMA Mizuho	Social Democratic Party
2	FUKUYAMA Tetsuro	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
3	IHA Yoichi	Okinawa Whirlwind
4	INOUE Satoshi	Japanese Communist Party
5	ISHIBASHI Michihiro	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
6	ISHIGAKI Noriko	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
7	ISHIKAWA Taiga	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
8	ITO Gaku	Japanese Communist Party
9	KAMI Tomoko	Japanese Communist Party
10	KATSUBE Kenji	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
11	KIRA Yoshiko	Japanese Communist Party
12	KISHI Makiko	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
13	KOGA Chikage	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
14	KONISHI Hiroyuki	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
15	KURABAYASHI Akiko	Japanese Communist Party
16	MIZUNO Motoko	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
17	MIZUOKA shunichi	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
18	MORIYA Takashi	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
19	NODA Kuniyoshi	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
20	ONIKI Makoto	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
21	OZAWA Masahito	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
22	SAITO Yoshitaka	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
23	SHIBA Shinichi	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
24	SUGIO Hideya	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
25	UCHIKOSHI Sakura	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
26	YAMASHITA Yoshiki	Japanese Communist Party
27	YAMAZOE Taku	Japanese Communist Party
28	YOSHIDA Tadatomo	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan

● University professors, professors emeriti and associate professors of history, social sciences, law, philosophy, theology, and religion; university rectors and university directors (or their equivalents); directors of peace research institutes and foreign policy institutes

4 8 nominators

	Name	Title		Academic or Professional Affiliation
1	ABE Taro	Professor	Nagoya Gakuin University	Economics
2	AOI Miho	Professor	Gakushuin University, School of Law	Constitutional Law
3	ASAOKA Masaru	Chairperson of the board, Chancellor	Tokyo Christian Institute	
4	FUJIMAKI Kazuhiro	Professor	Kindai University	Japanese Classical Literature and Religion
5	FUKAZAWA Hideo	Professor Emeritus	Iwate University	History
6	IJIMA Shigeaki	Professor	Nagoya Gakuin University	Constitutional Law
7	ISHIKAWA Sakae	Professor Emeritus	Sophia University	Sociology
8	ITO Hiroyuki	Professor Emeritus	Fukushima University	Political science
9	ITO Shinji	Professor	Seinan-Gakuin University	Faculty of Intercultural Studies, Archaeology
10	ITO Shota	Professor Emeritus	Fukushima University	History of Europe and America
11	ITOU Kiyoshi	professor Emeritus	Fukushima University	Japanese history
12	KAWAMURA Hajime	Professor	Dokkyo University	History of education
13	KAWAMURA Teruo	Honorary Professor	Keio University	Cultural Sciences of Environment
14	KOBAYASHI Akihiro	Professor	Rakuno Gakuen University	Theology
15	KOBAYASHI Setsu	Professor Emeritus	Keio University	Constitutional Law
16	KONNO Toshio	Emeritus professor	Fukushima University	Labor Law
17	KURIHARA Utako	Associate Professor	Seinan Gakuin University	History

18	MABUCHI Issei	Professor Emeritus	The University of Tokyo	Biology Institute of Human Culture Studies
19	MAEDA Akira	Emeritus Professor	Tokyo Zokei University	International Human Rights Law
20	MATASAKA Tsuneto	Emeritus Professor	Shinshu University	Administrative Law
21	MIMURA Mikihiro	Professor Emeritus	University of Tsukuba	Environmental Planning, Environmental Problems
22	MINAMIZUKA Shingo	Professor Emeritus	Chiba University	History of Eastern Europe, History of the World
23	MITSUBU Ichiro	Professor	Sophia University	Theology
24	MIYAKE Akimasa	Professor Emeritus	Chiba University	History
25	MIZUSHIMA Tsukasa	Professor Emeritus	The University of Tokyo	Oriental History
26	MIZUUCHI Hiroshi	Honorary Professor (Dean of the faculty of education)	Chiba University	Social Science
27	NAKAJIMA Heizo	Professor Emeritus	Tokyo Metropolitan University	Language Science
28	NAKANO Koichi	Professor	Sophia University	Political Science
29	NEMORI Ken	Professor	University of East Asia, Graduate School	Constitutional Law
30	NIKURA Osamu	Professor Emeritus	Aoyama Gakuin University	Law (Criminal Law, International Human Rights Law, International Criminal Law)
31	NINOMIYA Takatomi	Emeritus Professor	Oita University	Law
32	NISHIMOTO Yoshiyuki	Honorary Professor	Fukushima University	Business Management
33	OCHIAI Eiichiro	Professor Emeritus	Juniata College, PA, USA	Chemistry*
34	OHGUSHI Kazuo	Professor	The University of Tokyo	Political Science
35	OKADA Kenichiro	Associate Professor	Kochi University	Constitutional law
36	OKAMOTO Yoshihiro	Professor	Chukyo University	Housing for welfare and well-being

37	OKANO Haruko Kunigunde	Professor Emerita (ex-president of Seisen University)	Seisen University	History of Religions / Social ethics
38	SATO Manabu	Professor Emeritus	The University of Tokyo	Social Science
39	SATO Yoshiyuki	Associate Professor	University of Tsukuba	Philosophy
40	SHIMIZU Masahiko	Professor	Nippon Sport Science University	Constitutional Law
41	SHIRAFUJI Hiroyuki	Professor	Senshu University	Administrative Law
42	SUZUKI Hiroshi	Emeritus Professor	Fukushima University	Regional planning + Housing policy
43	UEDA Hisao	Associate professor	Kanazawa University	Japanese early modern history
44	YAMAGUCHI Yoichi	Tokyo Christian University President / Professor	Tokyo Christian University	Japanese Church History and Practical Theology
45	YAMAMOTO Yoshihiko	Dr. Professor Emeritus	Shizuoka University	Japanese Modern Economic History, History of Modern thought History of Japan
46	YAMAZAKI Keiichi	Professor	Yokohama National University	Economics, Developing Economies
47	YASUOKA Masayoshi	Professor emeritus	Oita University	Philosophy
48	YOSHII Senshu	Associate professor	University of Toyama	Law Sociology and Japanese Constitution

* Dr. Eiichiro Ochiai, professor emeritus, is a chemist. He has experienced the horror of the war (in Japan) himself. As a human being, he has been working for peace in many ways. His recent works include "Hiroshima to Fukushima" (Springer Verlag (Heidelberg), 2014) and "Nuclear Issues in the 21st Century" (Nova Science Publ. (New York), 2020).

He wrote in the postscript of the book "Hiroshima to Fukushima" as follows:

"Hiroshima" (広島) literally means "wide island", and "Fukushima" (福島) means "happy island". The title of this treatise implies the following: To make the Entire planet a "Happy Planet".

This is his hope that what he does as a scientist may contribute to attaining "peace" for the entire human society.