

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 2024

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 2024 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: 8 8

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

2 5 Members, House of Representatives of Japan :

	Name	Party
1	ABE Tomoko	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
2	ARAKAKI Kunio	Social Democratic Party
3	KAMATA Sayuri	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
4	KASAI Akira	Japanese Communist Party
5	KOKUTA Keiji	Japanese Communist Party
6	KONDO Shoichi	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
7	KOYAMA Nobuhiro	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
8	KOZU Takeshi	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
9	KUSHIBUCHI Mari	REIWA SHINSENGUMI
10	MICHISHITA Daiki	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
11	MIYAMOTO Toru	Japanese Communist Party
12	MOTOMURA Nobuko	Japanese Communist Party
13	OHKAWARA Masako	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
14	OTSUKI Kureha	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
15	SHII Kazuo	Japanese Communist Party
16	SHIMOJO Mitsu	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
17	SHINOHARA Takashi	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
18	SUEMATSU Yoshinori	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
19	TEZUKA Yoshio	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
20	TSUTSUMI Kaname	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
21	WASEDA Yuki	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
22	WATANABE So	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
23	YAMAZAKI Makoto	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
24	YOSHIDA Harumi	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan
25	YOSHIKAWA Hajime	The Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan

23 Members, House of Councillors of Japan :

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

● 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 0 nominators

	Name	Title		Academic or Professional Affiliation
1	ABE Taro	Professor	Nagoya Gakuin University	Economics
2	FUJIMAKI Kazuhiro	Professor	Kindai University	Japanese Classical Literature and Religion
3	FUKAZAWA Hideo	Professor Emeritus	Iwate University	History
4	IJIMA Shigeaki	Professor	Nagoya Gakuin University	Constitutional Law
5	ISHIKAWA Sakae	Professor Emeritus	Sophia University	Sociology
6	ITO Hiroyuki	Professor Emeritus	Fukushima University	Political science
7	ITO Shota	Professor Emeritus	Fukushima University	History of Europe and America
8	KAWAMURA Hajime	Professor	Dokkyo University	History of education
9	KOBAYASHI Akihiro	Professor	Rakuno Gakuen University	Theology
10	KONNO Toshio	Emeritus Professor	Fukushima University	Labor Law
11	MABUCHI Issei	Professor Emeritus	The University of Tokyo	Biology Institute of Human Culture Studies
12	MAEDA Akira	Emeritus Professor	Tokyo Zokei University	International Human Rights Law
13	MIMURA Mikihiro	Professor Emeritus	University of Tsukuba	Environmental Planning, Environmental Problems
14	MITSunobu Ichiro	Professor	Sophia University	Theology
15	MIYAKE Akimasa	Professor Emeritus	Chiba University	History
16	MIZUSHIMA Tsukasa	Professor Emeritus	The University of Tokyo	Oriental History
17	MIZUUCHI Hiroshi	Honorary Professor (Dean of the faculty of Education)	Chiba University	Social Science
18	NAKAJIMA Akiko	Emeritus Professor	Wayo Women's University	Housing Studies

19	NAKAJIMA Heizo	Professor Emeritus	Tokyo Metropolitan University	Language Science
20	NAKANO Koichi	Professor	Sophia University	Political Science
21	NEMORI Ken	Professor	University of East Asia, Graduate School	Constitutional Law
22	NIIKURA Osamu	Professor Emeritus	Aoyama Gakuin University	Law (Criminal Law, International Human Rights Law, International Criminal Law)
23	NINOMIYA Takatomi	Emeritus Professor	Oita University	Law
24	OCHIAI Eiichiro	Professor Emeritus	Juniata College, PA, USA	Chemistry*
25	OHGUSHI Kazuo	Professor	The University of Tokyo	Political Science
26	OKADA Kenichiro	Associate Professor	Kochi University	Constitutional law
27	OKAMOTO Yoshihiro	Professor	Chukyo University	Housing for welfare and well-being
28	OKANO Haruko Kunigunde	Professor Emerita (ex-president of Seisen University)	Seisen University	History of Religions / Social ethics
29	OMORI Masaki	Professor Emeritus	Nanzan University	Japanese Society of Medieval Philosophy/ Society of Eastern Christianity
30	SATO Manabu	Professor Emeritus	The University of Tokyo	Social Science
31	SATO Yoshiyuki	Associate Professor	University of Tsukuba	Philosophy
32	SHIMIZU Masahiko	Professor	Nippon Sport Science University	Constitutional Law
33	SHIRAFUJI Hiroyuki	Professor	Senshu University	Administrative Law
34	SUZUKI Hiroshi	Emeritus Professor	Fukushima University	Regional planning and Housing policy
35	TAKEDA Shin-iciro	Professor	Seikei University	Administrative Law
36	YAMAGUCHI Yoichi	President / Professor	Tokyo Christian University	Japanese Church History and Practical Theology
37	YAMAKAWA Mitsuo	Professor Emeritus	Fukushima University	Economic Geography
38	YAMAZAKI Keiichi	Professor	Yokohama National University	Economics, Developing Economies

39	YASUOKA Masayoshi	Professor Emeritus	Oita University	Philosophy
40	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.