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Volunteers of the Executive Committee of the Nihon University Labor Union

Urgent Statement

We resolutely oppose Russia's invasion of Ukraine

The unilateral military invasion of Ukraine initiated by Russia on February 24, 2022 violates the international good faith in which peaceful resolution of conflicts should be prioritized. This is an unacceptable action. In addition, Russian President Putin announced on February 27 that he would "put the military deterrence into a special combat position" and threatened international peace by implying the possibility of using nuclear weapons, which could lead to the destruction of all life on Earth. Russia continues to carry out so-called "military operations" in Ukraine, destroying Ukrainian cities including the capital Kyiv, and killing and injuring numerous civilians including children.

We strongly oppose Russia's invasion of Ukraine and urges an immediate ceasefire and an unconditional withdrawal of Russian troops from Ukraine.

Simultaneously, we respect the peaceful and friendly relationships and achievements that have been built between Japan and Russia and oppose any unreasonable blame or censure on ordinary Russians and Russian officials and organizations that do not support this conflict. We oppose any invasion initiated by any other nation as well. We respect and pledge solidarity with all domestic and international efforts toward a peaceful resolution of this conflict, including those from Russia.

Those who agree with this statement are as follows. We would like to add that this statement does not represent the will of the union as a whole and does not constrain or restrain the will of individual members.

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