

Appeal of the Urgent Action Taken To Protest against Unjust Election Law and the General Election To Be held in 2010 in Burma

On March 8, the military regime in Burma announced a law related to the general election to be held this year. The law, however, completely neglects “Shwegondai Declaration”, the policy formulated with the consensus of National League for Democracy (NLD) - centered democratization forces and ethnic minority groups in Burma. The law aims at strengthening the base for continuing dictatorship of the Burmese military junta.

For example, the law makes it a condition that “the person who does not serve any sentences” can participate in a political party and can gain the right to vote and the eligibility for election,. It is very clear that the law intends to exclude democratization movement leader Aung San Suu Kyi from the general election. Moreover, the law regards National Council of the Union of Burma (NCUB), National League for Democracy – Liberated Area (NLD-LA), National Democratic Front (NDF), Federation of Trade Unions of Burma (FTUB) and other democratic organizations as illegal organizations. The law also considers any political parties which do not recognize the New Constitution of 2008 as illegal organizations. Due to these reasons, NLD has decided not to register in the general election as a political party based on the law this time.

We strongly protest against the military regime which announced such an election law and at the same time declare not to recognize by any means either the general election which will be taken place on the base of the law or its result.

The Japanese Government should seriously take the fact that the policy which it has taken to Burma so far has not had any effect for real democratization of Burma. It should change its policy with economic sanction in mind. We demand it to officially announce not to recognize either the general election to be held on the base of the law or its result. It should play a leading role for realizing democratization of Burma by encouraging deliberation on the Burmese issue at the United Nations Security Council and by taking other appropriate actions.

Today, we conducted an urgent action to strongly protest against the Burmese Election Law of this time and also to demand to release all political prisoners

including Aung San Suu Kyi and to revise the New Constitution of 2008. We oath herewith to continue our protest activities in close cooperation with each other until real democratization is realized in Burma.

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