

What's the G7 Summit?

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Our Opinions (1~16)

1. Letter to the Heads of States Gathering at the Ise-Shima Summit

Live by the Measure of “Life,” Not of “Economy”

The vision comes to my mind, as sci-fi as this may sound, of bills and only bills being blown from the universe, dancing in the madness of winds. All lives have been swept away from the surface of this earth.

This vision is not far fetched, as long as this belief of “economy” as the source of development that drives happiness, just as this Summit of self-claimed “developing countries” posits yet again, is upheld by you in your hearts, who assume leadership over societies on this earth, particularly in the mind of the hosting Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, this vision will soon cease to be an imagination.

The notorious nuclear power plant disaster occurred in March 2011. The underlying self-responsibilities lie with the Democratic Party of Japan and capitalism (economic industry) themselves. Upon grave grief and condolences over sweeping sacrifices made, I thought that this incident would transform this country’s values once and for all. However, this turned out to be a mere hope by minority populations, who do not benefit from economic powerdom. The road to recovery in this country is in fragile destitute.

Politicians, government officials and civilians bow under the slogan “economic priority.” Many innocent civilians are made fanatic believers of “economic priority cult.”

The Ise-Shima Summit fuels fire to this ground, as if to specifically target this moment.

After the nuclear power plant disaster, there was a moment even in this country where people revisited the value of “respect for life.” However, because the attention focused on “human life,” the momentum did not evolve into a truly regenerative force. The fruits of our agriculture, dairy farming and fishery, that is, the food source that nurtures us were butchered under the badge of “contaminated poison.” A vast amount of food, despite being blessings on earth, were disposed and incinerated under the name of statehood. The food was the product of sweat and veins of workers.

There is a dairy farmer who declared, “I am a cattle herder, I will not kill the lives of cows.” He protects the cows, which humans have ordered to cull. He provides food and continues to take care of the cows, which grow ill by the day. He says to “live by the measure of life, not of economy.”

I want you to come back to this standpoint.

Please transform your philosophy that prioritizes economic and humans fundamentally. Otherwise, no matter how much you may think of yourselves as world leaders, the world and the earth

would behold itself in the near future, an empty field of flying bills.

There is no sustainable development for humankind limited to “economic” measure. As long as the Summit Conference is limited to this stance, it would continue to label those who resist as “terrorists.” Any discussions for world peace is nothing more than farce as long as they are driven by the principles of the pursuit of self-interest.

2.

I moved to Shima-City with my husband five years ago. I live in this area of natural beauty with a good feeling. I was worried that my everyday calm life may be disturbed when it was decided that the summit would be held in my city. On the other hand, I sometimes thought that it may be nice for this splendid place to be introduced to many people when TV programs broadcasted Ise-Shima frequently. However, the summit has negatively affected our ordinary life. I have stopped my car many times because of repair of roads, cutting woods, and so on. We cannot use a public facility, Ago-Arena from last December to this June because of the closing. We are deeply troubled and use Isobe Life Long Learning Center far from our town. Many police officers came into our town two months ago and at last, almost 20,000 of them concentrated on Shima-City one and a half month ago. It changed dramatically our life. Our feelings became very constrained because there are police officers and cars all over the town. They stand, ride on bikes and bicycles, and walk here and there. My friend took a walk with her husband every day. However, she stopped the walking because she did not feel happy almost as if they were kept under surveillance.

Another friend canceled a trip because a private railroad company changed a time schedule due to the summit. We cannot use even one-day hot spas because police officers occupy hotels. Young part-time workers are urged to take days off because guests for sightseeing seldom visit here. An owner of a seafood shop said, "Guests have not visited at all." with a sigh. I am just wondering whether the summit should be held even though a huge tax is used, as much as 20,000 police officers concentrate on the city, and the summit presses our ordinary life. (A house-keeper in Shima-City, the 50s)

3. My Thoughts Over the “Ise-Shima Summit”

The feeling of sadness overwhelms me at supermarkets, whenever I see stickers for participating stores showing support for the Summit or any gourmet from the seven participating countries. It feels like the act is forced.

Last year, when the Summit was set to take place in Ise-Shima, the reason provided was that “only two bridges need to be guarded in Kashikojima Island” to which I did not raise a question. However, I later realized that the was totally wrong. Since the entry to the island is geographically labyrinthine, security is a challenge. People need to take care of such insignificant matters like building a fence around the hotel, for which money is wasted. Whether all of this was expected just that it was hidden from us or whether the organizers were clueless, irrespectively of the difference, the undertaking is foolish.

I am not informed as to how much of prefectural tax payers’ money is being spent, however, it should be spent on something more meaningful. If the purpose is to protect the life of citizens in the prefecture or the country, poverty and income gap should be alleviated. Investment should be made on disaster prevention. There are many other things that need to be taken care of. We are forced to pay a sacrifice at the cost of presenting a face to a handful of world leaders.

The other day, I was dumfounded to hear the news that school will be closed for 3 days during the Summit period. Schools must be in chaos. They must have annual plans in place for exams and events that they have put together with much effort. The 3 days of school-closing must be producing a significant level of inconvenience. We need to listen to the voices of each school and child.

The Ise-Shimbum (newspaper) has posted a headline “Over 60% Anxious Over Terrorism.” Isn’t it ridiculous that we are worried over terrorism because the Summit is coming? I want to hold the prefectural governor accountable for bringing in such a danger and most definitely if anything occurs.

I recall one episode from the Summit. The 2nd Tokyo Summit was held during May 4-6, 1986. I had a presentation for my hobby, so I was visiting Tokyo on May 3. On my way to the venue on a taxi, we were stopped by the policy that was on special security duty and our suitcases were searched. Our time was taken. Our privacy was violated. I was furious at their autocratic handling. At the same time, I was made aware that it was a scary act. I thought at the time how

inconvenienced people are in a populated city like Tokyo, but it is nothing more than inconvenience regardless of where this takes place.

4.

Do you know what Summit is? Can you explain further details of which everyone convinces? I don't understand why people in our prefecture are delighted with applause when government chose Iseshima as the place where Summit will be held. I don't understand what Summit is. Maybe because of lack of learning. (little knowledge)

One of my friends calls it fool summit. He is a trucker. On every main road cars are ordered to stop for a check under a name of anti-terrorism. But, he is a truck driver. And it is natural that cars are congested when checked one by one. About Among those cars, this truck driver wanted to deliver parcels as soon as possible. Cars congestion will cause not only driver's being tired but his company's bad reputation.

About transportation check, I was astonished at controls in the sea. Fishermen cannot have a good catch (of fish) throughout the year. I felt sorry when I heard a serious story by a fisherman that the period when Summit will be held is also the most important period for fisherman. Again, what is Summit? Please tell us easily what Summit is if you can tell us with confident what is included in Summit. It seems Summit is in the same place as we are lost in the dark sight.

The assembly hall is within an easy walk of my house, so I decided to attend the inhabitants briefing session, where staffs were supposed to explain how our life would be involved in holding the international conference in our town.

What impressed me deeply was that the top priority is guarding the summit from all harm. Even after the meeting, their explanation was incomprehensible and I was left only with much question.

Anyway they said nothing but "It's all right and we beg you to cooperate with us."

A pearl cultivator told them he was ready to cooperate and asked when and where the ships at work would be regulated. The answer was like this; We are thinking of not troubling your job, but we can't tell you further particulars. We beg your cooperation.

A local resident asked if they would issue some document to permit to travel through the gate which would restrict the traveling while the conference was in session. They told him that they were planning to issue a kind of pass but that matters were still in consultation with other bureaus. So their answer was again that they couldn't tell the details yet and the same words followed.

We, participants were left uninformed, about time and place, in particular, and surrounded by an atmosphere admitting of no denial. It seemed to us that they thought it natural rather than unavoidable to ensure the safety of the summit at the cost of life of residents.

I remember that the city officials told, a short time ago, that they wished the old and the sick to have little trouble.

I have one more thing on my mind. It is their request that on finding suspicious substance or persons, we should report it to the police without delay. As we have lived in this rural district, we know almost all the neighbors. They requested us to be cooperators in anti-terrorism monitoring among the locals. Their request to us seemed to be offering an incentive to suspicion, which made me embarrassed.

Actually a police officer made a call at my house and confirmed all the members of my family. And we have heard the rumor that many plain clothes policemen have entered the town to patrol and gather information. It must be a well-grounded rumor. According to a police officer's story, they are so busy having many policemen from outside the town.

I thought this session would demand residents to obey the authorities, using the words, "request", "for success in summit" and "anti-terrorism policy". This is more fearful to me than terrorism.

6. How do we think of the G7 Summit in Ise-Shima area?

Today, in the 21st century under global capitalism called neoliberalism, the powers (leaders of major capitalist countries) at the summit of capitalism will discuss together cooperation and coordination in order to control advantageously resources in all over the world and the global market. We could call “the G7 Summit a global strategy meeting among the neo-colonialist great powers”.

There are recently two issues of “refugees” and “poverty”. Each situation is deepening without any solutions. Pictures like “child soldiers” and “small drowned bodies” reported in news programs show us that tragic leading figures are children. We are forced to have a premonition of catastrophe. There are two types of measure against these current issues proposed by heads of states. One is a claim of winners that “losers have no rights and there is no necessity of relief measures”. This attitude takes no account of historical roots of problems. The other is a claim as follows: “lives and human rights are placed over everything. Every state should coexist emphatically (or collaboratively). Measures to relieve and reduce disparities in the whole world must be taken”. The latter is based on an apology for the fact that “the great powers put racist policies into action in their homes and colonies and exploited conflicts between different religious sects for their own interests”.

Japan gave serious and immense damage to people of neighboring countries in the Asia-Pacific War: Nanjing Massacre, human experimentation undertaken by Unit 731 of the Japanese Imperial Army in Manchukuo, a lot of cruel war crimes in Hainan Island and other areas and so on. Additionally, this country gave war experiences also to its own soldiers and citizens: human torpedoes, forced suicides, starvation, suicidal attacks, the Battle of Okinawa in which local citizens were used as human shields by the Japanese military, Great Tokyo Air Raids, tragedies of atomic bombs and so on. Naturally, rulers must not forget all above mentioned at all.

However, current Prime Minister Abe is making every effort to restore militarism since last year. It is also a dream of his grandfather, ex-Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi. He steamrolled the unconstitutional “security bills” and is busy to selling “weapons and nuclear power plants” to other countries. Furthermore, Abe selected Ise-Shima area in which the Ise Grand Shrine [IseJingu] is located for the G7 Summit considered as the place of origin of the myth of the national foundation. Eventually, pictures of the Imperial Family in the Commemoration of the 2600th death anniversary of Emperor Jimmu (who is considered as the first Emperor) in this April was reported again and again on television.

In sum, the establishment, taking advantage of this opportunity of the G7 Summit, carries on a propaganda campaign of “Japan” that can “rush to guard and rescue missions” with exercising the right to collective self-defense and has “beautiful nature and culture of Imperial Japan” inside and outside of this country. I think that he plans to make the G7 Summit a success and take forceful attitude toward a House of Councilors election in next July. Ise-Shima is one of the best places to “focus on

history of Imperial Japan and instill the idea of being part of a chosen people in the youth”. Now the establishment forces also universities to raise the national flag [Hinomaru] and sing the Japanese national anthem [Kimigayo] at entrance ceremonies and graduation ones. Prime Minister Abe holds up “Promoting Dynamic Engagement of All Citizens” as his slogan. A ruling party member said Hakkōichū (which is a slogan to legitimate expansion of Imperial Japan during World War II and means that all the world under one roof) in the Diet. And propaganda of the “2600th years of the Imperial reign” is spread. Now this country is just as it was right in front of beginning wars more than seventy years ago.

I am concerned that major European countries which have wrestled the past of Nazism and Fascism into submission will be anxious about new militarism of Japan and tensions will be building up between Japan and its neighboring countries.

Kazuko SAYAMA

7. From Ise-Shima, the venue for the summit conference comes out shouts of excitement and mutters of anxiety

Hitoshi Tani

People have been yelling with delight. The prospect excited them. As the locality becomes widely known and the tourism gets active, they can get jobs and make money. It seems to be unmixed blessings.

However, at the New Year's press conference, the prefectural governor Suzuki gave an evasive answer in response to the question about "regional revitalization". He told the reporters that he was reluctant to expose or spoil information.

Shima district has been nominated for the location for casino and resort facilities. If the government supports it, facilities for international conferences will be built and accommodations for foreign visitors will enhance its reputation, which will lead it to materialize the resort design with casinos.

I have concerns about whether Ise-Shima was chosen as the venue for the summit conference with the prospects of tourism-oriented nation and local revitalization.

According to Prime Minister Abe 's announcement, various international conferences have been distributed to the other sites proposed for the summit conferences, which fall on those proposed for casino locations by a curious coincidence.

This is a temperate, monotonous and conservative region. I am anxious that misgovernment is exercising its powers.

8. What Can We Hope from the Summit? Raise Your Opinions than Hospitality!

By Kazuhiro Kawabe

What can we hope from the Summit?

I fail to understand its value for citizens, provided the risk of terrorism, the reduction of prefectural government budget for other issues, and a multitude of restrictions imposed during the Summit.

Has there every been a Summit that materialized hope in relation to international or domestic politics, that yielded agreements over policies that would make ordinary citizen's lives safer and more peaceful, and that improved issues that are making people's lives difficult?

It is farcical if you think about it. What the heads of states from "developing countries" actually discuss, and what issues and corresponding directions they work to agree on are hardly reported. I am not informed on any of this. That is a frightening reality.

At least, Japan's "Head of State" Prime Minister Abe is a person, who does not listen to citizens' voices. He does not even intend to do so. He does not represent the voices of many people in Japan at an international platform on any issues related to international politics.

It is also quite ridiculous that even while the United Nations exists, decisions are made amongst only 8 countries that comprise "developing countries."

It is possible to begin to understand what Prime Minister Abe hopes to come to agree on internationally, considering his neglect over post-disaster reconstructions, provided the economic and other hardships that the survivors of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant disaster are faced with, considering military based economy he is rolling out to forge profit out of weapons production and export, and given his promotion of nuclear power plant export.

There does not seem to be a head of state, who can stop Prime Minister's unstoppable acts of righteousness, and steer discussions to resolve by peaceful measures, world conflicts and terrorism, refugee issues, poverty and income disparity, and environmental issues.

If such are the representatives who will converge to discuss, they will probably discuss and agree on things that are far from what to me should be discussed or dealt with under international cooperative mechanism. In short, we cannot hope for anything from the Summit.

If you want to make the Summit meaningful, discussions should be held more globally, agenda made open to the public, receive and take into consideration views from the public, and make it a forum where diverse

citizens from a variety of countries, politicians, government officials and researchers dialogue and discuss.

It is senseless to service hospitality and make tourism appeals, as though this is some festivity, without even knowing what will be discussed, what kind of agreements will be made, what kind of impacts it will have for us or to the lives of people around the world, or what will be resolved. What we need is to ensure that decisions shall not be made at their unilateral will, and to demand a forum where we participate, opine and discuss. The Summit should not impose how they think the world should be, rather, the Summit should intend to build democratically from the bottom up.

9.

I pay respect to all who are holding rallies against the G7 Ise-Shima Summit. I hope words that I utter as a local citizen here reach people from various places in the world.

A police box in my town vanished due to the G7 Summit. A number of police boxes in the Mie prefecture have been already streamlined because of the cold-hearted administration. Health centers and children's welfare centers have been integrated and abolished. Now a police box also was done. Whom do the police protect, if not citizens? It seems as if VIPs would be more important than citizens in this area.

Mie area has not had few experiences of grassroots movements developed on a large scale. But I know that there were certainly different movements here, though I came to Mie from Osaka: opposition to construction of estuary weir of the Kiso three rivers in this region, movements against pollution in Yokkaichi, and human rights movements in Matsusaka. In each case the people concerned raised their voices and local people cried grievously.

In the beginning are the people who are concerned. From this point of view, we must learn many things from what happened in each place where various kinds of protest movements vanished in the middle of struggles. In the case of Yokkaichi pollution and asthma in northern part of Mie prefecture, it is fishers, peasants, and citizens in the locality that took action in the first place. Such local actions made hearty people turn their attention to Yokkaichi and come there. However, even this movement against the pollution, differing from other three of four big pollutions in Japan, has not succeeded in clarifying company's liability. We never pay off completely old scores of innocent people who fell prey to the pollution.

We, citizens of this prefecture, are not at all seeing fire on the other side of the river. We feel a sense of danger both in this situation of Mie which has a lot of problems and imposes suffering on its citizens and in the whole society in which it is increasingly harder to express publicly sensible opinions.

My only and one hope is that people from different countries will visit Hiroshima known as a first atom-bombed site. As a citizen of Mie and a Japanese citizen, please let me say "Victims didn't die in vain"!

Krumi IMAI

10.

It is to be deplored that E.U. does not have an impression of Euro Communism, playing a part in new liberalism system and follows suit to United States.

Japan is one of subordinate countries as ever, being treated as a maid and finally made chairman in Iseshima Summit. Moreover Japan flatters to every participating country and enters final stage by so-called "OMOTENASHI". I believe Summit is never a kind of Exposition.

Discussion will be led by strong countries and will have a situation that threatens war, for example, about taking measures for terrorism-control.

I don't think they need to hold this kind of conference at sightseeing place where people can be relaxed, also I feel displeased with the fact that a lot of local taxes we paid are used for security guard and improvement of the environment.

Officials those who concerned produce flippant atmosphere through media and build good image of economic effects.

The world doesn't consist of kind of people who always think of gaining money but also consists of people who are suffering from poverty, prejudice and racial discrimination. We want to make our political system strong enough to save the weak in society, and don't want it to be vanity or show off. They say human beings are the lord of creation, having several constituents of animals, sometimes carnivorous animals or sometimes herbivorous animals to survive.

Are human beings the most complicated animal of all? When a baby is born, it is crying. But baby's crying sounds to me as if it were grieving that it wouldn't become a complicated creature. Is this only a complaint by a person who lives in this difficult world? But at the same time, human beings have constituents that can make our world much more comfortable, striking a balance between reason and sensibility. We don't find this world interesting unless everyone feels happy. Summit which invites happiness for only some concession hunters is NONSENSE. I am firmly opposed to it.

11.

I am in principle in great support of the heads of states coming together to discuss how to make this world and society a better place.

However, I have a big question around major countries coming to this conference to self-appraise one another in endorsement of one another's egos.

I have continuous questions around turning this into an excessive event, rolling out competitive recruitment over the temporary economic benefits and excessive security measures for hosting a conference at a venue that is so unfit.

If you are holding a summit, please hold it as much as you like at a conference room at the United Nations, make contents entirely open to the public, and have it primarily as an outreaching conference.

12. Don't make the 2016 summit just a reception for 7 industrialized nations' leaders

Katuaki Karasawa

The main problems of the present world are global warming and a widening gap and mal distribution of wealth. Above all, the gap between rich and poor just includes various phenomena; refugee crisis, Islamic State, cheers for the candidate Tramp, financial collapse of developing countries and so on.

The summit, where leaders with pretension to be the world leaders assemble, will be of real significance only when they have a dialogue dealing with and seeking the solution to the issues of gap.

Will the G-7 summit in Ise-Shima prepare to satisfy the requirements?

As far as the news tell us, it gives us no information about the substance, but rather, the appearance of being merrymaking giving credit to Ise Shrine.

So far, I have regarded the summits as just receptions for the financial ruling elite, where they announce the documents using sophistry to exhibit their supremacy. I believe many people share my opinion. Under the same condition, the 2016 G-7 summit will result in just an idle reception.

I realize that it is quite impossible to require Prime Minister Abe, whose perception of the cause of gap is quite different from mine, but I dare to hope him to propose the correction of gap on the agenda.

After World War II, economic powers have been presiding over the world. First came the summit conference consisting of the leaders of the USA, the Soviet Union, Britain and France. Their priority was peace and security reflecting the conflict between the USA and the USSR. The Korean War and The Vietnam War broke out, but they didn't lead to World War thanks to the summit conference, which I think naively.

Afterward, Germany and Japan have attained economic development and other nations followed them; accordingly the summit conference consisted of G-7, G-8 and G-20 at last. But it must be remembered the summit is no better than a gathering for discussion on world issues among the ruling elite.

It may be difficult for the participants to make an urgent issue of poverty in developing countries. But surveying their domestic affairs, they must realize an extreme gap widening with New Liberalism spreading in their own countries.

As for measures against global warming, they demand future responsibility from developing countries, but they won't invite developing countries or countries facing serious crisis.

I can't understand the role of the summit at all. Is it because I am inexpert in international conferences?

13. Let's crush a war, poverty, and hunger. Let's crush the Ise-Shima G7 Summit.

The summit is a ringleader of the environmental disruption.

We will oppose Ise-Shima Summit which aims at the Tenno System praise and the state Shintoism restoration.

Abe administration enforced a war law on March 29th. That means that I face an aggressive war by Japan and US combination.

Abe administration enforced the enforcement of the war law on March 29th.

Japan and the United States of America can do an aggressive war together in future.

In July, Prime Minister Abe is going to get power of 2/3 by the Upper House election.

Or he aims at a constitution change for the worse by election at the same time.

It is clear that the Abe Administration pushing forward anti-terrorism war and revision of the Constitution is going to do this summit meeting in the place where Japan can appear as the imperialism Great Powers both in name and in reality inside and out.

G7 Ise-Shima Summit is a plot conference for the world control and the coordination of interests by the military power, and the neoliberalism globalism, new colonialism of the imperialistic superpower. Moreover, only in seven leaders, it is argued behind closed doors.

The subject of the first summit started in 1975 was a problem to influence the world situation at that time.

Rather people of the Third World including Africa and the Middle East were exposed to terrible poverty and starvation states by war.

Particularly, they widened "war on terrorism without the end" with a case of 9.11 of the United States of America of 2011 .

Under the American imperialism, the G7 imperialism country causes an aggressive war in Afghanistan and Iraq ,and it continues still more and is not got away.

The 1st of the main topic in G7 Ise-Shima Summit is "anti terrorist war".

Russia thrown out of G8 imperialism country and the G8 bombed "the Islamic state(IS) " where I touched power by a civil war in Syria.

Thereby they force further difficulty and pain on Syria and Iraqi people.

In this way, the collective colonialism of the G7 imperialist country intervenes in a civil war and infringes a racial self-determination right.

The counterterrorism war is only their keyword to exterminate anti-imperialism armed struggle.

The 2nd of the topic is "the nuclear disarmament-the non-proliferation" problem.

Democratic People's Republic of Korea ("the republic") did "the hydrogen bomb test" in January, "an

Advanced Earth Observing Satellite" discharging experiment in February.

United Nations Security Council gave a punishment resolution to "the republic".

However, the G7 imperialist countries don't dispose of its own nuclear weapon and inflict punishment on "the republic" and Iran and so on.

It contemplates even the dismantlement.

The war crisis in East Asia in anti- "the republic", anti-China is deepening.

It makes unnecessary to the nuclearization in Israel which is a pro-American house on the one hand, India, Pakistan.

The nuclear abolition is a common request for the laborer citizen in the world.

The stop of the nuclear power plant policy for the immediate nucleus abandonment, the nuclear armament in the nuclear power must be realized. The laborer citizen, oppressed peoples in the whole world fight, hanging the acquisition of the sovereignty of the people-the right to national self-determination in opposition to the control-the suppression by the neocolonialism in the G7 imperialist countries and are pulling out.

"Anti-Summit executive committee", too, joins the fight. As for G7 Summit this time, it contemplates the restoration of the strengthening state Shintoism in the Tenno System praise.

Prime Minister Abe is praised, saying "it spun eternal history" by Ise-jingu.

It supposes that Ise-jingu is deifying Amaterasu Omikami as the grandfather god of the Imperial family. However, it is the counterfeiting of the history which confused a myth and history.

Praising "the Tenno System of the unbroken line" is a preparation for "the monarch Tenno System" (the Liberal Democratic Party revision of the constitution draft).

Ise-jingu reigned as the top-"the head temple" at the national shrine.

The state Shintoism played the decisive role of the aggressive war promotion-the Tenno System militarism in Japan by Ise-jingu and Yasukuni-jinja.

After the loss, the privileged status, the state Shintoism in Ise-jingu, was formally broken off by "the Shinto order" of GHQ but the Imperial Household Shinto of the Imperial family is continuing.

At present, too, the relation continues.

The worship of the prime minister is restored and the New Year worship is an established custom event.

Hollow about "the separation of government and religion" The peace training is done with G7 Summit approaching and pretending to do a countermeasure against "the terrorism" in each place.

Kashikojima (Mie Prefecture Shima city Ago-cho) at Summit hall published the ID card of the identification to the resident.

Going in and out of to an island is regulated.

The local resident raises its voice which is opposite to the civil peace suppression system.

It opposes the destruction of the infringement of human rights and the democracy for Summit holding.

It makes international solidarity the laborer public and indigenous people in Afro-Asian-the world and

it appeals fighting together in Summit opposition.

14.

A prefectural assembly deputy of Japan Communist Party listened to the first general assembly of the Mie Prefectural conference for the Ise-Shima Summit, although he was not applied to it.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe expressed that he will hold that summit on June 5th in Ise-Shima, Mie. Additionally, there is a full of good mood in Mie Prefectural Assembly. A large number of prefectural assembly deputies pick a general question.

On the other hand, the Japan Communist Party declined to participate in the citizens meeting, because of considering about the aim of the summit and the impact on the residents living.

Okano, who is a prefectural assembly deputy of our party wrote the article blow. He listened to the first assembly which was held on June 26.

[Suzuki Governor expressed the aim of the summit.]

(Okano's note)

the membership list ==22 groups (from the industrial and economic), 11 groups (from accommodation and tourism), 5 groups (from electrical and communication), 14 groups (from traffic and transportation), 26 groups (from industry and education), 7 groups (from the environment, civil, cultural and international exchange), 9 groups (from medical and health), 11 groups of government agencies

Additionally, there are some assumption such as 10 members of parliament of Mie pref. as special advisers, 79 advisers (49 prefectural assembly deputies and 20 news media).

Remark gist of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

* At Haneda Air Port on Friday, 5th of June, before leaving for Ellmau Summit *

“We want leaders from the world to feel that place as Japanese beautiful nature, rich culture and tradition from their heart.

Ise Shrine, which has eternal history, is the best place where they can touch the spirit of Japan, so that a lot of Japanese have visited. I hope the leaders of the G7 visit there and share a dignified air together.

There are large and small islands, and beautiful coves in Shima. Also there is a beautiful nature called Japan's original landscape. I would like them to feel those spectacular view by themselves. I want to enjoy it together.”

at the press conference on Monday, 8th of June

“The rich sea of Shima has led from the Pacific Ocean to the Indian Ocean. Japan, as the host country, would like to discuss with leaders of the world frankly for the peace and prosperity of the world.

We do hope you all taste Japan’s tradition, culture and the beautiful nature including the Ise Shrine. We’d like to have this opportunity which we will be able to show our wonderful ‘hometown’ to the world.”

15. The G7 Ise-Shima Summit is just a meeting to promote the “War on terror”.

One of the main purposes of the G7 Ise-Shima Summit is to confirm the line of promoting the “War on terror” among heads of the great powers.

Once the great powers under the leading role of the U.S. labeled regimes of Afghanistan, Iraq and so on as ‘terrorists’, they have waged terrible wars of aggression, and overthrew these regimes. They massacred not only opposition forces against the U.S. but also so many poor persons. People who suffered damage by horrible American attacks opposed the wars. The essence of the “War on terror” is that heads of the great powers represent such people as ‘terrorists’ and continue to squeeze them to death.

The “War on terror” gives rise to many people being killed by military forces and continue to extend battles. Now the U.S. cannot bring the war under control, so Japan and European countries also are at the front. The Abe administration in Japan rammed through the security bills which open the way for Japan to exercise the right to collective self-defense last year. One of the key things in the G7 Ise-Shima Summit is that Japan expresses definitely its will to begin to participate in the “War on terror” in earnest.

In Asia the G7 Summit has been held just only in Japan. War-mongering in the Korean Peninsula and containment of China will be done there this time. In March and April, the U.S. and South Korean military units embarked on joint military exercises. They imply the possibility of preemptive attacks and disturbed the North Korean regime. The latter is arming itself with nuclear weapons for national defense. The Abe administration along with the U.S. is fomenting confrontation with China and the North Korea. It is under such political situation that the present government tries to have military authority over Asia, constructing a new U.S. Marine base in Henoko, Okinawa.

The reason why the G7 Summit started is that, when U.S.’s unilateral domination of the world economy fell into crisis, it asked for cooperation from other great powers to manage the crisis. Also in this G7 Summit in the current context of financial bubble and overproduction, there will be talks to take measures to counter the present crisis of the world economy. For the U.S. and other great powers, the measures mean just only pushing ahead with the failing neoliberal line. As a result, our everyday life will be destroyed more with increasing irregular employment, agricultural collapse, widening gap in income, disintegration of communities and so on.

I cannot forgive that G7 Summit. I am very much against the recurring G7 Summit.

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16. A condition of the site for the G7 Summit shows how a global world desired by its regime is.

Sites for the G7 Summit have been always controlled, isolated, and blockaded thoroughly. Security forces have been deployed, fences and walls have been built, and checkpoints have been set up.

The other day, I went to Kashiko Island [Kashiko-jima], a site for the G7 Summit, in the period when it was said that the island was not so strictly guarded. As my train was coming near the island, I saw police again and again on the road along the tracks. They were probably carrying out inspection of cars. Then I arrived at the Kashiko Island Station. It seemed that there was a policeman there. Taking a step out of the station, however, there were police all around. I was very shocked. My impression was that there were police at intervals of tens of meters. They were deployed on every street and sightseeing spots, along coastlines, and also on the sea (More than twenty thousand police will be stationed in this area. The City of Shima where Kashiko Island is located has a population of about fifty thousand). I saw a lot of policemen from the Metropolitan Police Department in Tokyo. Moreover, a bus of the riot police was running. I understood completely that the G7 Summit in Ise-Shima area is a national event.

In 2001, the then G8 Summit was held in Genoa, Italy. This G8 Summit changed dramatically the whole city of Genoa to a fortress. Ever-longer fences were set up all over the city and its urban spaces were divided into the red zone and the yellow zone: the former was an off-limits zone for non-residents. The meeting among heads of states was held in the red zone. The latter surrounded the former and was a buffer zone where demonstrations were prohibited.

Freedom of people was limited and public spaces were eliminated unilaterally by the establishment. Many residents were de facto compelled to leave the city during the G8 Summit. Furthermore, passes to transit the red zone was not delivered to immigrants from the outside of Europe who was living in the historic center included in this no-go zone. It looked as if people's life counted for nothing for global powers.

Then, protest movements against the G8 Summit where only heads of so-called advanced countries took a direction for the whole world in non-democratic mode and which represented just interests of multinational corporations were so active and powerful and became globalized. About 250 thousand protesters came to Genoa from Italy and also from each place in the world. They demonstrated there. And they criticized the G8 Summit, insisting that a condition of fortified Genoa showed various modes to govern the world determined by the G8 Summit regime: complete separation of people from decision-making, violent control with walls and fences, detailed control with checking passes to transit and identification, elimination of public spaces, and killing a young demonstrator.

The G8 Summit has been understood also as a political event above mentioned on a global level. It has been always protested radically by thousands and thousands of people not only at Genoa but

also at other sites. That is a certain historical fact. In the G8 Summit held at Tōyako, Hokkaido, eight year ago, there were large protests also in Japan. A number of people with different social concerns and political positions from Japan and other places in the world gathered together and made a protest against the G8 Summit. Furthermore, they met and discussed in order to create an alternative globalized world which will differ radically from one controlled by the G8 Summit, or rather in order to embody their wanting world “now and here”.

Now such history is not absolutely reported in the mainstream media. This G7 Summit is repeatedly represented as a good opportunity to advertise attractions of local and regional area where the meeting will be held and to show hospitality of local and Japanese people to the world. It is as if to say that “let’s live up this spectacle together”.

“We stop terrorist invasion of the island”. Police repeat this kind of slogan. Train services will be suspended in Kashiko Island and its surroundings right before and during the G7 Summit. Fences will be constructed around the island or the hotel where the meeting is held. Even local residents in Kashiko Island must apply for identity cards to enter and exit. I hear any possibility of demonstrations in the island and neighboring areas is eliminated by police. Moreover, we often see notices saying “If you find a suspicious person, report it to the police”. In other words, it would mean that each local people’s eyes must become police’s ones. Surely this is a world wanted by the G7 Summit.

I do not need such world. Enough is enough!

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