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Peace Depot's Report to the Abolition 2000 Annual Meeting of 2022

1. Introduction

Peace Depot is a Japanese think tank for disarmament and peace, established and operated by the hands of citizens. It was founded on November 23, 1997, and began its operations on January 1, 1998. Our activities are to provide useful information and analysis for the civil peace movement relying on primary sources and surveys. Among such activities, Peace Depot has been particularly focusing on nuclear disarmament issues in Northeast Asia, calling for a Northeast Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (NEA-NWFZ) for the past quarter-century.

2. Peace Depot's activities for the establishment of an NEA-NWFZ

The NEA-NWFZ is a proposed treaty between Japan, South Korea, and North Korea to create an NWFZ, while surrounding nuclear-weapon states, namely, the United States, China, and Russia, provide negative security assurances to Japan, South Korea, and North Korea. Since the mid-1990s, Peace Depot has continued to work for the establishment of an NEA-NWFZ and has been involved in the following activities in 2021 and 2022.

- Meeting with Foreign Ministry Officials (February 2, 2021)



Representatives from Peace Depot and other 20 civil organizations met with Foreign Ministry officials from the Arms Control and Disarmament Division online and submitted a petition regarding nuclear weapon policy to Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga and Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi. The petition claims that the TPNW has entered into force on January 21, 2021, and now is the time to seriously consider the establishment of an NEA-NWFZ as a way out of the nuclear deterrence policy; only when Japan quits the nuclear deterrence policy, it can join the TPNW.

- Meeting with Kenta Izumi (March 3, 2021)

Representatives from Peace Depot met with Kenta Izumi, Policy Research Council Chairman of the Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan, and a few other colleagues from that party. We explained to them the content of the above petition, including the important role the NEA-NWFZ to be played in solving North Korean nuclear issues.

- Meeting with Katsuya Okada (March 11, 2021)
Representatives from Peace Depot met Katsuya Okada, former Foreign Minister, online. We reminded him of the importance of the establishment of an NEA-NWFZ as a method to realize the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.

- Tadashi Inuzuka's lecture on NEA-NWFZ (February 20, 2022)
On the occasion of Peacedepot's 23rd Annual General Meeting, we invited Tadashi Inuzuka to talk about an NEA-NWFZ as well as the World Federalist Movement. Mr. Inuzuka is Co-director of the World Federalist Movement of Japan. In July 2021, he launched the Coalition for the Northeast Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (Coalition 3+3) as an official program of the World Federalist Movement. Currently, Mr Inuzuka, a former upper house member, is trying to create a core group of parliamentarians from Japan and South Korea to promote the C3+3 project to realise an NEA-NWFZ Treaty. Peace Depot is assisting this movement.



- Citizen's Watch for a Fair Implementation of Korean Peninsula Denuclearization Agreements (Watch Project)



This project is to publish “Watch Reports” to promote a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula (including the establishment of an NEA-NWFZ) by monitoring whether or not the denuclearization agreements between the United States and North Korea (Singapore Agreement) as well as South and North Korea (Panmunjom

Declaration etc.) are fairly implemented. Watch Project started in 2018 and has continued to the present though the first stage of the project ended at the end of 2021.

- Chronicle of the Situation on the Korean Peninsula



This project took over part of the Watch Project in early 2022. It is to publish a chronicle on the political and military situation on the Korean Peninsula in order to keep track of what is happening there. It is a preparatory work for how denuclearization can be pursued in Northeast Asia.

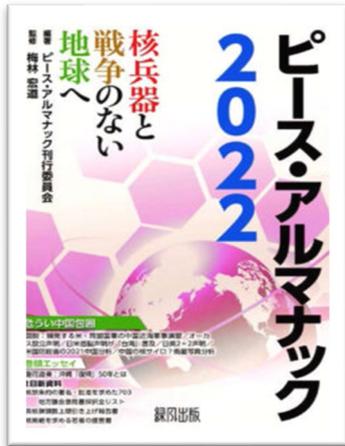
3. Peace Depot's other activities

- Publication of a bi-monthly journal, *Disarmament and Peace Report*

In No. 15 (published on April 1, 2022) of this journal, Peace Depot's statement on the Russian invasion of Ukraine was printed.



- Publication of *Peace Almanac 2022*



Peace Almanac is a yearbook for citizens working for nuclear abolition, disarmament, and peace. It documents the major developments of the previous year and contains source material useful for citation.

Peace Almanac 2022 was published on May 30, 2022.

- Organization of a monthly online public seminar, Disarmament and Peace Basic Seminar

This online public seminar started in 2021 and has continued to the present. The aim is to create a wide range of connections with people interested in disarmament and peace.

