JANU statement on the situation in Ukraine

We, the national universities of Japan, aspire to the guarantee of academic freedom throughout the world and the realization of social peace and a free and safe environment.

The recent invasion of Ukraine is a challenge to our international community desiring peace, and this unilateral attempt to change the status quo by force is completely unacceptable. We strongly hope for an immediate halt to the invasion and a peaceful resolution.

Above all, the safety of the people of Ukraine, including the children who bear the future, must be ensured. In addition, national universities will take appropriate measures, including psychological care, to ensure that Ukrainian and Russian students and researchers and their families in Japan will not experience any trouble or disadvantages due to this situation.

JANU appeals to the international community for a swift and peaceful resolution to this crisis.

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