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Japan

“Stop the Vicious Cycle of Territorial Disputes”

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Japanese civic movements held a press conference and released a statement on territorial conflicts between Japan, China, and Korea on Friday, September 28. [1] The statement was initiated by a small number of activists of peace movement, intelligentsia, media people, and lawyers.

Very dangerous anti-China, anti-Korea chauvinist sentiments are growing in Japan through the problem of territorial conflicts over several islands under the situation of political and social-economic crisis. All the institutional political parties of Japan, including the Japanese Communist Party, support the government's claims on issues of Japanese sovereignty over these islands.

Numbers of people who signed the statement are about 1500, mainly independent peace activists

The aim of this statement is to stop the chauvinist.- nationalist offensive against China and Korea and to find a solution through the joint effort of people's movements throughout East Asia region.

The political contents of the statement are modest. But we are supporting to broaden the statement to fight back against a nationalist-chauvinist offensive.

[1] See [Japanese Citizens' Appeal: Stop the Vicious Cycle of Territorial Disputes](#).