



## **Resolution of protest against the invasion of the Russian Federation in Ukraine and showing solidarity with the Ukrainian people**

The Association of Ukrainian Studies of Japan condemns the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

On February 21, 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin recognized the "independence" of the so-called Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics. After that, President Putin ordered the Russian army to invade Ukraine from several directions, inflicting heavy casualties and damage throughout Ukraine.

Russia's military invasion of Ukraine is a violation of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders, as well as a blatant violation of the foundations of international law under the UN Charter. Ignoring the principles of international law with the use of force to violate the borders of another state is unacceptable. Ukraine is an independent sovereign state that Russia is forcibly trying to subjugate.

All members of the Association of Ukrainian Studies of Japan call for the immediate withdrawal of Russian troops from Ukraine's internationally recognized borders and an end to military aggression, and demand respect for the freedom of expression of the democratically elected Ukrainian government. We know that all Ukrainians have chosen a path of freedom, democracy, and economic prosperity that will not be undermined by Putin's violence. We also believe that the Russian people do not want war with Ukraine and wish for peace. Our hearts are with you during this difficult time, dear Ukrainians. Russia, stop the war immediately!

**All Members of the Association of Ukrainian Studies of Japan**

Stay the evil instigators,  
Don't bind them in forged shackles,  
Don't lay bricks to seal them deep within a vault.

But show and help  
Creative righteous hands  
And grant them sacred power!

And the pure of heart?  
Place your angels at their side,  
And guard their purity.

And to all on earth together,  
Grant us amity  
And the love of brotherhood.  
(Taras Shevchenko)