Founding Statement

The significance of Japan's status and its responsibilities in the world have been increased in recent years. Through its persistent efforts for the 20 years of the postwar period, Japan has succeeded in establishing a position in the world carrying weight not only in economic terms but also in the arena of international politics such as the United Nations. It will doubtlessly play a leading role in the "New Era" to come.

On the other hand, the international situation we confront now gives cause for deep concern- the threat of nuclear weapons, the arms race, unending racial conflicts, to name just a few.

The cold war, revolving around the United States and the Soviet Union, will likely fluctuate between tension and relaxation for the time being. However, the situation in Asia, so close to us and having a direct influence upon us, causes serious concern.

There are pockets of tension everywhere which might explode and upset the delicate peace. Such dangers include not only the war in Viet Nam but also the relationship between India and Pakistan, Malaysia and Indonesia and in the future even the relationship between North Korea and South Korea.

The policies of the major powers are critical in this unstable environment. Since Japan must take the policies of these influential global powers into consideration, Japan's responses are even more critical. In these circumstances, what attitude and preparations is Japan adopting?

I established the Kajima Institute in May 1957 and the Kajima Publishing Association in March 1963 for the purpose of undertaking research in international security and peace, publicizing the results and distributing widely many writings and translated works in political, economic and academic circles.

The translated works of “Japan’s Security” and “To Avoid World War III”, coedited by the Kajima Institute and the Japan Institute of International Affairs with the former prime minister Yoshida as its president and myself vice president, have been well received in various arenas.

Under these circumstances, I have decided to establish the Kajima Institute of International Peace, in order to further the spirit of the Kajima Institute and to enhance public good and continuity of its activities.

The objectives and activities of the Kajima Institute of International Peace are specified in the Act of Endowment. We take it as our primary purpose to undertake research on fundamental matters closely related to Japan’s future security and prosperity and to publish the results so that we can contribute to the formulation of sound international policies of Japan. As our country strengthens its activities for peaceful purposes in the relationship with Asian countries, as well as with other countries in the world, the work of our Institute will, I hope, gain in importance.

We cannot achieve security and prosperity without peace and stability of the world, above all in East Asia. Therefore our purpose should be to establish and maintain peace. Peace does not happen by accident and cannot be realized without our persistent hard work. We will endeavor

to do our best to realize a permanent peace.

I regard the following sentiments made by an enthusiastic missionary of peace, Count Coudenhove-Kalergi, whose mother was Japanese and who serves as the emeritus president of the Yûaï Youth Association established by the former prime minister Hatoyama and now presided over by Mrs. Kaoru Hatoyama, as the true description of the ideals and objectives of the Kajima Institute of International Peace.

Peace is being threatened
Peace can be realized
Peace is desirable
Let us build up peace now!

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