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Exclusion of Korean Children from Supporting System Is Undisguised Hostile Move towards DPRK: Spokesperson for Ministry of Foreign Affairs of DPRK

A spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued the following statement on Thursday:

Anti-Japanese sentiments of our people are flaring up because of the unjust step by the Japanese government to have finally excluded the infant classes of Korean schools from the "free infant education and child upbringing" system.

Not satisfied in having excluded the Korean children in Japan from the high school supporting system, the Japanese government has now completely refused education support even for the children at infant classes. This is an undisquised hostile move towards the DPRK and an intolerable reckless act of inhumane nature.

The despicable acts of the Japanese authorities towards the Korean residents in Japan did not happen merely one or two times in the past. But, the latest heinous and reckless act of bruising even the minds of infants was not seen before.

Such an unprecedented atrocity is a manifestation of vicious attempt to throw the whole of the Korean residents in Japan into a crucible of national exclusion and obliterate their nationality by all possible means.

We never tolerate anti-DPRK hostile acts to suppress and obliterate the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan(Chongryon), a legitimate overseas organization of the dignified DPRK, and the Korean residents in Japan, members of our nation. There is not a slightest change in this position.

Though repeatedly talking about an "unconditional dialogue, " Abe regime will never be able to step across the threshold of our Republic as long as it only chooses to do evil deeds against the trend and pursues

hostile policy towards the DPRK. Abe regime should bear this in mind and behave with discretion.

Japanese Authorities' Impudent Chauvinistic Act under Fire

The Committee for Aiding Overseas Compatriots of the DPRK issued a statement on Monday denouncing the Japanese authorities for excluding the kindergartens of the Korean schools from the "program for free education and upbringing of children".

The statement said that Abe regime's arrogant exclusion of the kindergartens of the Korean schools from the program fully reveals the chronic national chauvinism of the island country and shows again that the Japanese reactionaries' hostile policy towards the DPRK and the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryon) and their inveterate repugnancy and ill-intended discrimination against the Korean nation never change.

It went on:

The Japanese reactionaries, not content with putting down Chongryon and Koreans in Japan, are trying to use education and upbringing for preschool children of the Koreans in Japan as a bargaining chip for negotiations. Their mean act fully lays bare the true colors of Abe regime which talks about the "dialogue without any condition".

The Japanese authorities' discrimination against the Korean children in Japan adds to the frozen DPRK-Japan relations.

They would be well advised to behave themselves, though belatedly, bearing in mind that if they commit crimes against the trend of the times, they would be left alone out of the world political current, to say nothing of visit to the DPRK.

Japan Relations to Worst Phase

The Japanese authorities eventually excluded kindergartens of Korean schools from the "program for free education and upbringing of children" being enforced from Oct. 1.

A spokesman for the DPRK-Japan Friendship Association in a statement Tuesday said in this regard:

The exclusion of the children of Koreans in Japan, who are paying consumption taxes just like the Japanese people, from the waiver program is against the Japanese law and international law, which is also an intolerable act of national discrimination in view of humanitarianism.

This situation vividly shows once again that the Japanese reactionaries can never change in their hostile policy toward the DPRK and the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan and their malicious discrimination against the Koreans in Japan.

Though belatedly, the Japanese authorities should sincerely fulfill their bounden legal and moral duty that obliges them to treat Koreans in Japan and their children favorably and protect them.

As long as the Abe regime does only a foolish and evil act of harassing children, guided by national chauvinism, they can never open a door to the DPRK nor get rid of its miserable plight of being sidelined from the discussion of matters related with Korean peninsula and the world political trend.

The Japanese authorities must stop at once the suicidal act of driving the DPRK-Japan relations to the worst phase and behave themselves, heeding the DPRK's repeated warnings.