

Asian Intellectual's Declaration at the Republican National Convention

“Do not vote for a President who will turn Asia and the global society to America's enemy”

1. On 31 August 2004, 203 Asian scholars in 13 countries announce a declaration to appeal to American voters “not to vote for a President who will turn Asia and the global civil society to America’s enemy” with the conviction that “Another America is possible”. It was released simultaneously in New York, Tokyo and Japan as well.

2. This declaration was prepared by the Asia Defeat Bush Network for Global Democracy, formed during the 4th World Social Forum in Mumbai on 16-21 January, 2004. This network was endorsed and affiliated by 42 Asian organizations such as Focus on the Global South, People’s Plan Studies Group(Japan), PSPD(Korea), LOCOA, KFEM(Korea), Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Aliran(Malaysia), International Movement for a Just World(Malaysia), Institute for Global Justice and so on.

3. The declaration was joined-endorsed by such scholars as Prof Walden Bello(Philippines), Prof Kuan-Hsing Chen(Taiwan), Prof Hisao-Chuan Hsia(Taiwan), Prof Wang Hui(China), Chandra Muzaffar(Malaysia), Muto Ichiyo(Japan), Prof Ogura(Japan), Meagan Morris(Hong Kong), Hee-Yeon Cho(Korea), Byeong-Uk Ahn(Korea), Lawrence Surendra(India), Bonnie Setiawan(Indonesia), Hilmar Farid(Indonesia).

4. Main contents

1) With the forthcoming Presidential election, America stands at the crossroad whether or not it will turn the global societies to its enemy, whether or not it will see a total breakdown of its moral leadership.

2) The past four years under the Bush administration have witnessed too many killings and sufferings, for both America and the rest of the world. Its exclusive and military hegemony-seeking policies brought forth a broad and seething rejection from all corners of the globe.

3) We intellectuals of Asia have the right and duty to deliver caution and concern from our side against the Bush government, because the influences its foreign policies have on Asia have been worse than ever before.

4) The 2004 US Presidential election is not just an American event but also the event with significance stretching across the globe. We urge you American citizens to look back on the unnecessary and immoral wars conceived and actualized by the Bush administration, and vote in large numbers and in consideration of the influences the result will have on all the other parts of the world. We appeal to you American citizens of goodwill to vote for peace and true democracy, upon this sane and cautious belief from all of us that "Another America is Possible".

5. Organizations currently in endorsement for our Defeat Bush movement at the related workshop in Mumbai are:

Focus on the Global South, APA(Asia Peace Alliance), International Movement for a Just World, LOCOA(Leaders and Organizers of Community Organization in Asia), Indian Social Institute, Act Up, Task Force Detainees of the Philippines, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Sociologists Without Borders, Friends Service Council, Nepal, NGO Federation of Nepal, CNDP, India, CREDITTe(Center for Research on Environment, Development Innovations, Technology and Trade), India, Australians for Peace and Not War, Australia Peace Committee, Taiwan: A Radical Quarterly in Social Studies Group, Information Center for Labor Education, Taiwan, Solidarity Front of Women Workers, Taiwan, Committee of Action for Labor Legistration, Taiwan, People's Plan Studies Group, Japan, Japan Lawyers International Solidarity(JALISA), Japan, Aliran, Malaysia, Boycott-Bush-Campaign for Another American, Italy, KAISA KA, KPD(Kilusan para sa Apambasang Democrasya), India, Citizens Peace Committee/PIPPFD, Pakistan Peace Coalition, Pakistan, CISRA WCSRC, CCFD, CUC Organization for Educational Support, Japan

Korea Social Forum Network, PSPD(People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy), Korean House for International Solidarity, Korean Progressive Academy Council, Korean Professors Union, Association of Professors for a Democratic Society, Korean Federation of Environmental Organization, National Association for Democracy and Reunification in Korea, Alliance for Reunification, Solidarity for Peace and Reunification of Korea, Position 21: Alternative Policy Forum, National Reconciliation Self-reliance and Reunification, Christian

**Institute for the Study of Justice and Development, Solidarity for New Society,
National Committee for Revealing the Truth of Genocide during the Korean War,
Citizens' Action Network, The Corean NGO Times.**

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