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Resolution on illegal landing on the Senkaku Islands
by civilian activists from Hong Kong, etc.

House of Representatives
National Diet of Japan

The House of Representatives of Japan hereby resolves:

The Senkaku Islands constitute an integral part of Japan's territory. There is no doubt about this in the light of historical facts and based upon international law. For that matter, the Senkaku Islands are actually under the valid control of Japan. Therefore there exists no issue of territorial sovereignty to be resolved concerning the Senkaku Islands.

Despite these circumstances, on August 15, 2012, 14 civilian activists from Hong Kong, etc., on board ships, forced their way into Japan's territorial waters around the Senkaku Islands despite warnings and orders not to intrude into these waters from patrol ships of the Japan Coast Guard. In the evening of the same day, seven of those activists made an illegal landing on Uotsurishima, one of the Senkaku Islands.

Their actions are highly unacceptable. This House severely condemns and strongly protests their actions.

It is the rightful duty of the Government of Japan to deal rigorously with them for their illegal actions in accordance with Japan's domestic law and regulations. The Government should take rigorous measures in accordance with the law against their illegal actions, and should make strict requests to Chinese and Hong Kong authorities that such actions should not be repeated, and additionally take every possible measure, including strengthening the security system, to continue to keep the valid control of the Senkaku Islands secure.

At the same time, both China and Hong Kong have a close relationship with Japan in broad areas, and are important partners sharing common interests. Japan and China also work hand in hand to further strengthen the strategic partnership of mutual benefits for the peace, stability, and prosperity of the Asia Pacific region and of international society.

Japan, without losing this broad standpoint, nonetheless should claim what has to be claimed, deal with what has to be dealt with, preserve its territorial integrity and protect its national interests rigorously and resolutely.

