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Resolution protesting against the Republic of Korea (ROK) President Lee Myung-bak's landing on Takeshima and his remarks on His Majesty the Emperor of Japan

House of Representatives
National Diet of Japan

The House of Representative of Japan hereby resolves:

Takeshima in Shimane Prefecture constitutes an integral part of Japan's territory. There is no doubt about this in the light of historical facts and based upon international law.

However the ROK has illegally occupied Takeshima and forcefully committed such acts as building facilities. Any measures taken with regard to Takeshima by the ROK based on such an illegal occupation have no legal justification, and Japan cannot in any way accept these measures.

On August 10, 2012, ROK President Lee Myung-bak landed on Takeshima. Japan not only strongly condemns this action, but also strongly demands that the ROK forthwith cease its illegal occupation of Takeshima. Meanwhile the Government of Japan should, with firm determination, take a resolute stand against the ROK Government and draw up and execute effective policies with regard to the Takeshima issue in a united manner.

ROK President Lee Myung-bak, furthermore, went on to make extremely inappropriate remarks with reference to a visit by His Majesty the Emperor to the ROK. Coming from the head of a friendly state, the President's remarks were extremely discourteous. They are totally unacceptable and we demand that his remarks be retracted.

Japan, continuing to recognize the ROK as an important neighboring country, still believes that our nation can foster a close friendship with the people of the ROK. Accordingly, we strongly urge President Lee Myung-bak and other ROK government high officials, as well as the people of ROK, to handle this matter in a prudent and calm manner.