

A Message of Solidarity to Belarusian Friends

Dear Ms. Svetlana Alexandrovna Alexievich and the writers of Belarus PEN:

The members of the Japan P.E.N. Club send a message of solidarity to the members of Belarus PEN, who continue their heroic activities during difficult times.

Heading Belarus PEN, Ms. Svetlana Alexandrovna Alexievich showed sympathy for the people of Fukushima, and we will never forget her support.

We, the members of the Japan P.E.N. Club, are outraged that Lukashenko continues to commit brutality, disregarding international conventions and laws. We are deeply concerned to witness the horrific future society envisioned by Zamyatin and Orwell becoming more than mere fiction. We all stand in solidarity with Belarusian citizens who are protesting without violence for the future of their country and democracy.

The Japan P.E.N. Club urges the Government of Japan to continue to raise its voice in protest along with the international community, and promises to continue to protest with our friends of Pen International.

In friendship and deep literary sympathy,

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