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Summary:

Nakajima Kenzo, a leading figure in the Japan China Cultural Exchange Association, denounces the impending visit of Chiang Ching-kuo to Japan.

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The Sato Government has disclosed that it is "inviting" Chiang Ching-kuo to Japan on November 27.

Chiang Ching-kuo is a leader of the Chiang Kai-shek Group that was driven out by the 700 million people of China, the "Minister of National Defense," the ringleader who controls their military, military police, and special service units. We, who desire true friendship and cultural exchange between the people of Japan and China, cannot accept that such a person, who interferes in the internal affairs of China, should step on the soil of Japan.

Prime Minister Sato's "visits" to South Korea, Taiwan, and South Vietnam supported the disgraceful war of aggression in Vietnam, viewed with hostility the 700 million people of China, and trampled upon the aspirations of the peace-loving Japanese people. In particular, that the authorities inflicted brutal repression against people who were demonstrating on October 8 against Prime Minister Sato's departure from Haneda Airport, which went so far as to end in the taking of a life, speaks eloquently to the militarization and fascist character of the Sato government. Prime Minister Sato, furthermore, announced on November 12 his intention to "visit" America, ignoring the widespread anger of the Japanese people, but we absolutely cannot overlook the policy of the Sato government, which is turning its back on the Japanese people and looking away from the world's progress, of looking with hostility at China and following American imperialism.

Voices that oppose the invasion of American imperialism and desire the liberation of the oppressed people are rising higher and higher. Chiang Ching-kuo's "coming to Japan" - when even in America, the invading country, popular protest and struggle are blazing up, arranged with the intent to strengthen collusion with the Chiang Kai-shek faction that has drawn American imperialism into Taiwan, territory of the People's Republic of China, and has become under its protection the running dogs of American imperialism - is a plot to destroy from the roots the friendship and exchange of the people of Japan and China that the people of Japan and China have diligently cultivated. We absolutely cannot accept it. Chiang Ching-kuo's "coming to Japan" is a stupid action equivalent to the Sato government strangling itself.

In order to oppose Chiang Ching-kuo's "coming to Japan" and stop it, we are determined, in appealing broadly to public opinion and collaborating with relevant persons from various spheres, to carry out a resolute struggle.

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