

Statement on the Attack on the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

The Science Council of Japan strongly condemns Russia's attack on the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, which resulted in loss of life, injuries, and damage to a major scientific institution.

Academic research is dedicated to the creation and transmission of knowledge, a shared intellectual heritage that constitutes a public good for humankind. Research institutions and facilities provide essential foundations for these endeavors. Damage inflicted upon such academic infrastructure therefore represents a profound loss not only to the institution concerned but also to the wider international academic community.

The Science Council of Japan extends its heartfelt sympathies to the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and to the researchers, scholars, staff, and all those affected by this attack. We also express our deep respect and solidarity with the Ukrainian academic community for its resilience and continued efforts to sustain research and scholarship in the face of adversity.

As a member of the global academic community, the Science Council of Japan reaffirms its commitment to safeguarding academic freedom, international scholarly cooperation, and the peaceful advancement of knowledge. We will continue to stand in solidarity with Ukrainian researchers and research institutions.

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