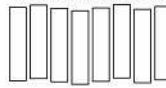




We can change the world.



2008 Japan G8 Summit  
**NGO Forum**

## Press Release

June 20, 2008

# We Can Change the World The Announcement of the People's Summit 2008 and the Press Conference

The 2008 Japan G8 Summit NGO Forum (hereinafter NGO Forum), in collaboration with the Hokkaido People's Forum on G8 Summit (hereinafter Hokkaido People's Summit) will hold "The People's Summit 2008 –We Can Change the World" (the Alternative Summit) from 6<sup>th</sup> July to 8<sup>th</sup> July in Sapporo. We will also host a press conference. Attending the press conference will be Masako HOSHINO, the chair person of the NGO Forum and other NGO members from all over the world. We invite all members of the press to come to this media conference.

**Co-organized by** 2008 Japan G8 Summit NGO Forum, Hokkaido People's Forum on G8 Summit

**Date/Time** **The People's Summit 2008 July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 ~ July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**The Press Conference July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 5 : 30 PM ~**

We will host the press conference after the Opening Symposium (13:00-17:00) with famous speakers from all over the world. Please participate in this Opening Symposium too.

**Place** **Sapporo Convention Center (the Press Conference/the People's Summit 2008)**

We have several venues for the People's Summit 2008 in Sapporo. Please check the attachment for details.

**Application** Please contact by E-mail ([g8ngoforum@janic.org](mailto:g8ngoforum@janic.org)), subject lined "Application for the Press Conference on 6<sup>th</sup> July". Please include your name, Mr./Ms, organization, title, TEL and E-mail.

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### **The People's Summit 2008 ( the Alternative Summit )**

The People's Summit is the opportunity for citizens to discuss global issues such as "poverty and development", "the environment", and "peace and human rights" through a variety of workshops and seminars with people gathering in Sapporo from all over the world. Anyone can participate. Please check the attachment for program details.

**2008 Japan G8 Summit NGO Forum** <http://www.g8ngo.org>

The 2008 Japan G8 Summit NGO Forum is a Network for Hokkaido Toyako Summit in 2008. About 140 NGOs participate in the Network, working together on key areas. We have three units, "Environment", "Poverty and Development", and "Peace and Human Rights", doing advocacy activities in order to put pressure on the G8 leaders.

**Hokkaido People's Forum on G8 Summit** <http://kitay-hokkaido.net>

To coincide with G8 Summit events we have established the Hokkaido Peoples' Forum on The G8 Summit, a network of NPOs (non profit organizations), NGOs ( non-governmental organizations), various civil society organizations and individuals, who wish to work together and demonstrate our ability to shape society's future both globally and here in Hokkaido (Ainu Moshir). About 70 organizations participate in this forum. We look forward to your participation in order to make the G8 summit truly democratic and open to people all over the world.

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