

**CALL FOR ACTION AGAINST THE G8,
FROM JAPAN**



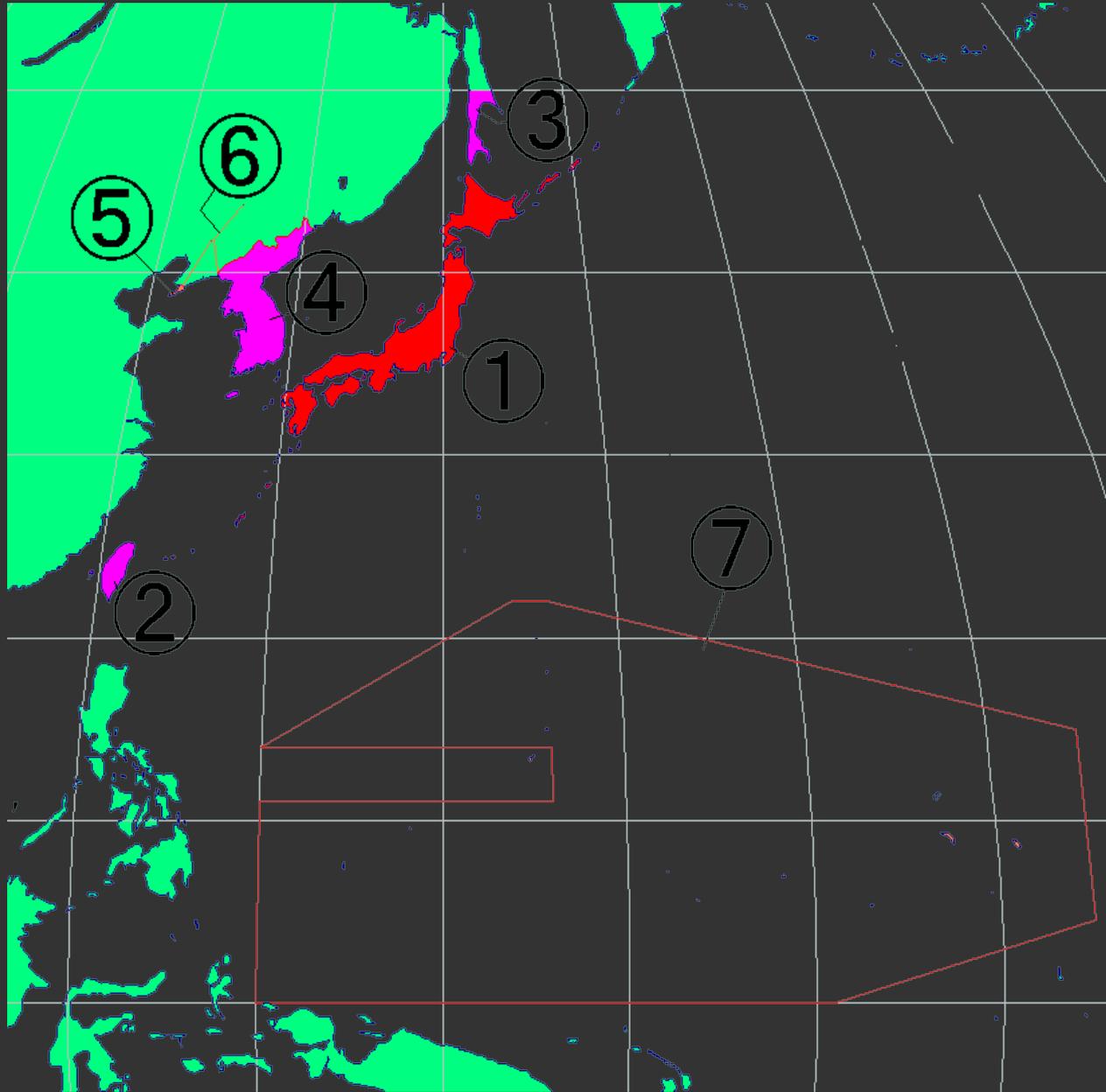
**NO! G8
2008**



Imperial Japan

- ① Japan
- ② Taiwan
- ③ Sakhalin
- ④ Korea
- ⑤⑥ Manchuria
- ⑦ South Pacific

Mandate



Japan

- Tokyo
- Hokkaido
- Kyoto
- Osaka
- Yokohama



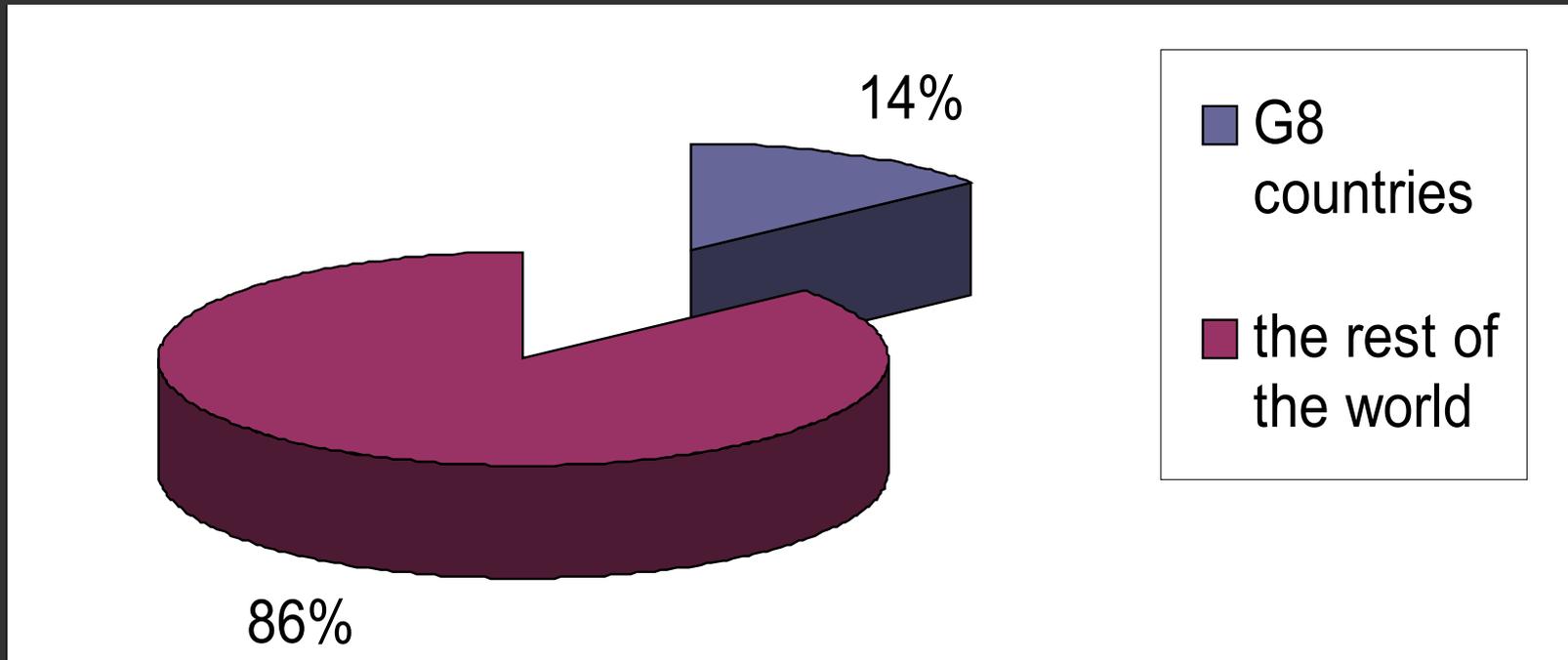
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What is G8?: General problems

- World Population: ca. 6.7 Billion people
- G8 countries: ca. 850 million people



- Monopoly of the course of the world on the initiative of the 8 biggest countries

And what else do the G8 countries do?

- They do nearly 90 % of all global weapons trade.
- They produce 47% of the global CO₂ emissions.
- They control most “Third World” debt.
- 80% of medical patents are made from G8 countries, including patents for many AIDS drugs.
- They account for 60% of global military expenses.
- **and so on....**

Japan's relation to the G8



- Japan is the only Asian representative of the G8
- Japan is the main promoter of the neo-liberalist reconstruction of Asia

- In its imperialist past, Japan consistently approached Asia with aggression



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What is going on in Japan



G8 Summit 2000 Okinawa

- ca. 70,000 protestors
- Siege of base action
- Total amount of costs for the summit: US\$ 750 Million
- March of the Homeless from Tokyo to Okinawa



Okinawa & the US Military Bases



Anti-war, anti-base struggles in Japan



*Sound demo
in Tokyo*



*Anti-war &
resistance "Festa"*

フェスタ
反戦と抵抗の祭
ANTI-WAR AND RESISTANCE FIESTA

Precarity in Japan



Resistance against Precarity

Freeter's Union

MayDay

Poor Peoples Riot Party

PART-TIMER, ARBEITER,
FREETER & FOREIGN WORKER...



MayDay Tokyo



t h a n k y o u !

«The Precariat @ Akiba - Sound Demo and Rally on '8.5'»
「メーデー!メーデー!メーデー! 4.30弾圧を許すな 8.5プレカリアート@アキバ~やられたままで黙ってはいない サウンドデモ→集会~」は、お陰様で無事終了致しました。

Homelessness in Japan



Internet Cafe Refugees



Internet refugees are one facet of Japan's new poor, and the result of growing inequality between those who have a steady job and those who do not. That disparity now follows a generational divide.
Le Monde

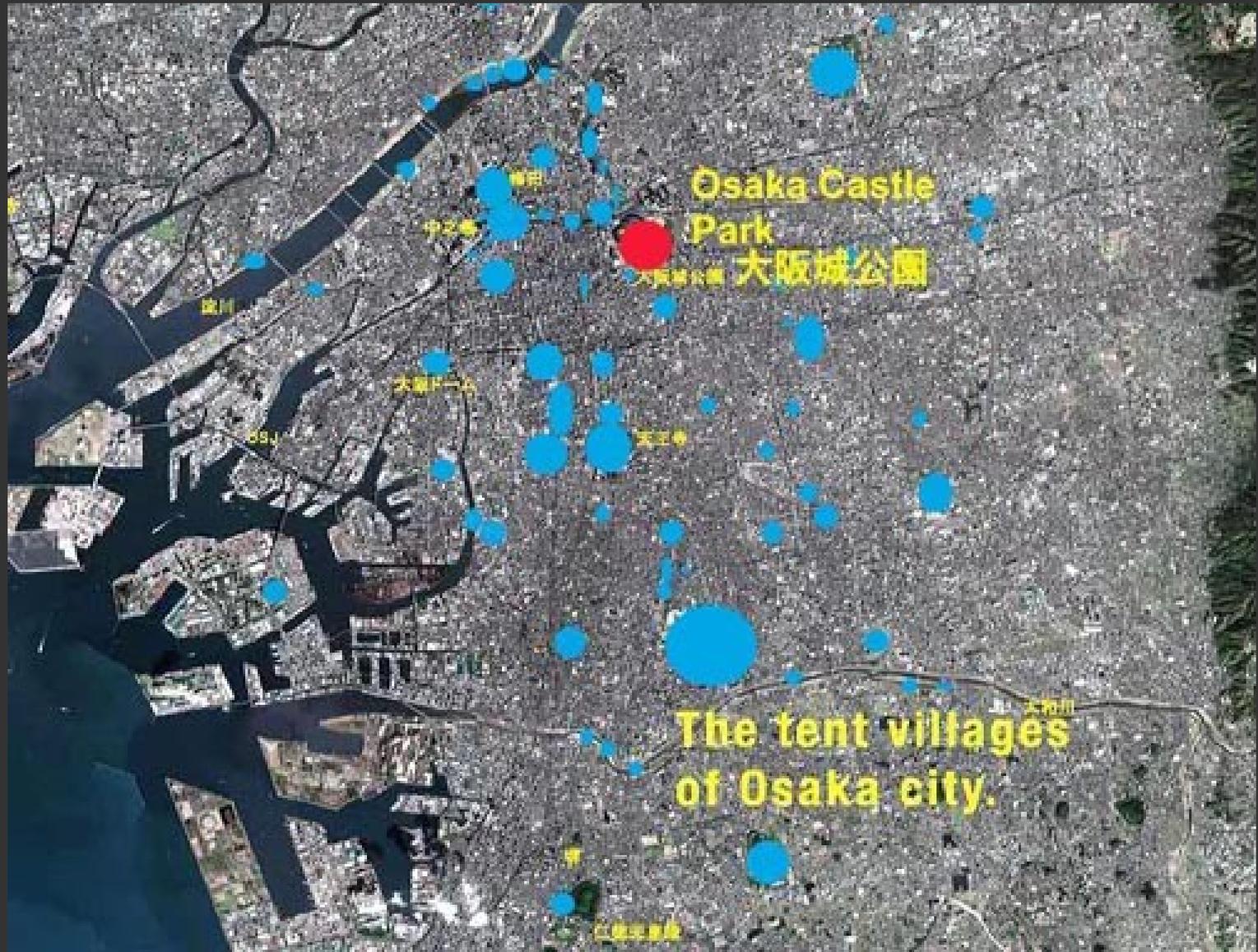
'I've been living here with a small bag and disposable underwear. I just want a decent life'

Blue Tent Village

- Large Tent Villages in metropolitan areas
- Day laborers, migrant workers
- Evictions or “sweeping up” under the pretext of sports or cultural events



Osaka (Kamagasaki)



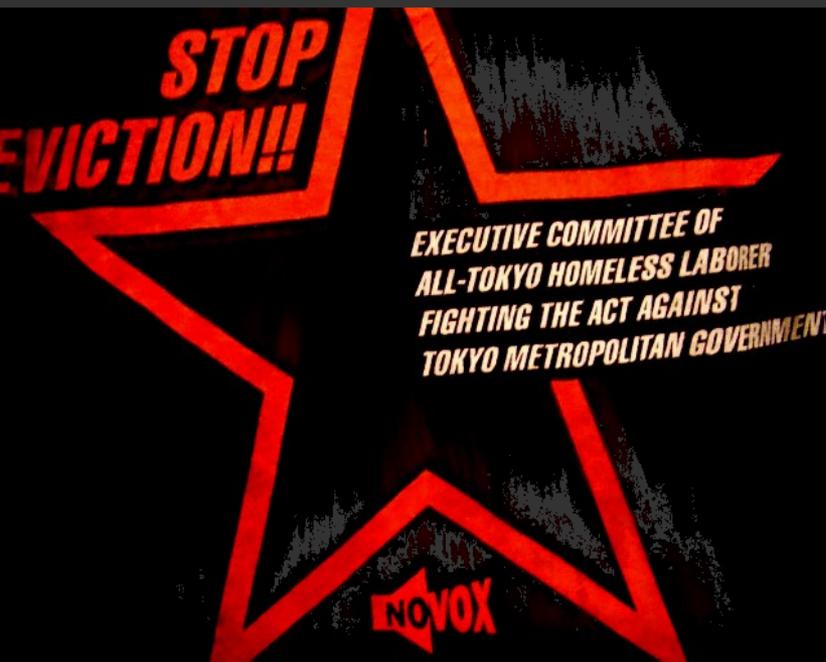
Nojukusya (street sleepers)

Eviction of
Blue Tent Village
in Nagai-Park, Osaka



Homeless Support

- **Basic daily needs**
 - food, shelter, clothing, medical aid, etc.
- **Welfare support**
 - pension and other public aid
- **Direct actions & protests**
- **Cultural gatherings**



Community Kitchens

- everyday at several places in Tokyo and metropolitan areas
- homeless support groups, church groups, etc.
 - food service / medical consultation
 - information exchange (e.g. governmental policies towards the homeless action plans)
 - cultural events (e.g. movie screenings)



Fascism and Nationalism in Japan



Yasukuni-shrine

Antifa action in Japan



Anti-globalisation movement in Japan

- Anti-Capitalist Action
- ATTAC JAPAN
- Anti-WTO Campaign
- altermonde
- Anti-repression Protest at the Italian Embassy
- Actions/protests against the WTO, IMF, FTA



The Anti-globalisation movement in Asia

- **South Korea:**
 - Anti-IMF, Anti-FTA, Anti-Military Base
- **Hong Kong:**
 - Anti-WTO 2005(10,000 workers, farmers, etc.)
- **The Philippines:**
 - Anti-JPEPA
(Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership)
- **AAN:**
 - Asian Anarchist Network

Autonomous Spaces in Tokyo



Irregular Rhythm Asylum
Shirouto no Ran (Amateur's riot)
Poetry in the kitchen
Anarchist Bar (Golden Gai)



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Actions in the run-up...



June 2007
Hotel of Japanese Delegation
during G8-Summit in Germany

August 2007
Protest in front of
Germany Embassy
in Tokyo



What is going on in Hokkaido

- Hokkaido as Japanese periphery
- Developing Hokkaido by Meiji-government



Ainu-man

- Large settlements into Ainu territory
 - Assimilating the Ainu, outlawing their language
- Development of mining industry
 - Financial collapse of Yubari-city

Ainu: An ethnic group indigenous to Hokkaido

Hokkaido: The northernmost island of Japan



Lake Toya





Lake Toya

The Windsor Hotel

Protests at The Windsor Lake Toya have already started ...



Networks & groups involved

- G8 Action Network
- G8 Summit NGO Forum
- Hokkaido Citizen Forum
- G8 Media Network
- Watch(Legal Network)
- Counter G8 Inter-Forum



Working groups of G8 network

- International Action Day
- Camp & Convergence Center
- Block the G8
- Web
- Football
- Legal
- Action in Tokyo
- Medic
- Translation
- Music Concert
- Safer Space



G8 ACTION NETWORK



G8サミットを問う連絡会



No! G8 Action Japan

- A decentralized, anti-authoritarian network employing *PGA Hallmarks*
- Established in April 2007, participated in actions against G8 Heiligendamm
- Broad collective of networks, ranging from small to large groups, of varied tactical lines.



Infotour of No! G8 Action

Infotour group has toured...

- **North America:**
 - NYC, Montreal, Toronto
- **Asia-Pacific region:**
 - Hong kong, Taiwang, South Korea, The Philippines ,Australia
- **Domestic area:**
 - 10 domestic cities including Hokkaido in coordination with Dissent! from Germany

European Infotour

- 17.2 (G) Berlin @ KATO
- 18.2 (G) Berlin @ Horte
- 22.2 (G) Brighton
- 23.2 (G) Bristol (early pm) / (G) Cardiff (evening)
- 25.2 (G) Edinburgh @ The Forest Cafe
- 26.2 (G) Leeds
- 27.2 (G) Nottingham @ Sumac Centre
- 28.2 (G) London @ LSE (room S421, the St Clements Building
- 28.2 (Ke/T/Ka) [flight Tokyo - Copenhagen]
- 29.2 (Ke/T/Ka) Copenhagen @ Folkets Hus (Denmark)
- 02.3 (Ke/T/Ka) Rostock @ Sobi-Raum(Germany)
- 03.3 (Ke/T/Ka) Hamburg @ Rote Flora (Germany)
- 04.3 (Ke/T/Ka) Kiel @ hansa48 (Germany)
- 05.3 (Ke/T/Ka) [off] (Germany)
- 06.3 (Ke/T/Ka) Poznan @ Rozbrat (Poland)
- 07.3 (Ke/T/Ka) Berlin @ New Yorck (Germany)
- 08.3 (Ke/T/Ka) [off] IWD!!!
- 09.3 (Ke/T) Hannover @ UJZ Korn (Germany) / (Ka) Dresden (Germany)
- 10.3 (Ke/T) Bremen @ Paradox (Germany) / (Ka) Brno (Czech)
- 11.3 (Ke/T) Bochum @ Soziales Zentrum Bochum (Germany) / (Ka) Vienna @ EKH (Austria)
- 12.3 (Ke/T) [off] / (Ka) Athens @ Vila Amalias (Greece)
- 13.3 (Ke/T) Nijmegen @ Politiek Cafe De Klinker(Netherlands) / (Ka) Lamia (Greece)
- 14.3 (Ke/T) Amsterdam @ Vrankrijk(Netherlands) / (Ka) Larissa @ I.K.A. (Greece)
- 15.3 (Ke/T) Antwerp @ Kievitsnest(Belgium) / (Ka) Thessaloniki @ Delta (Greece)
- 16.3 (Ke/T) Liege @ Casa Nicaragua(Belgium) / (Ka) Thessaloniki @ Babylonia (Greece)
- 18.3 (Ke/T) Koln @ Bauwagenplatz (Germany) / (Ka) Ljubljana @ Metelkova (Slovenia)
- 19.3 (Ke/T) Freiburg @ KTS(Germany) / (Ka) Vicenza @ No Dal Molin Presidio (Italy)
- 20.3 (Ke/T) Lausanne @ CIRA (Switzerland) / (Ka) Bologna @ CRASH! (Italy)
- 21.3 (Ke/T) Bern @ Reithalle
- 22.3 (Ke/T) Dijon @ Le Tanneries (France) / (Ka) Genua @ Buridda (Italy)
- 23.3 (Ke/T) [off] / (Ka) Milano @ Centro Occupato Autogestito T28 (Italy)
- 24.3 (Ke/T/Ka) Barcelona @ Radio Bronka (Spain)
- 25.3 (Ke/T/Ka) Barcelona @ Can MasDeu (Spain)
- 26.3 (Ke/T/Ka) Madrid @ E.P.A.(Spain)
- 27.3 (Ke/T) [end] / (Ka) [off - to Copenhagen]
- 28.3 (Ka) Malmo @ Cafe Glassfabriken (Sweden)
- 29.3 (Ka) Gothenburg @ Underworld (Sweden)
- 31.3 (Ka) Stockholm @ Kafe 44 (Sweden)
- 01.4 (Ka) Oslo @ Humla (Norway)
- 02.4 (Ka) [flight Oslo - Tokyo]

Schedule for the Actions

June 28-29 th	Tokyo	Demonstration & Gathering
June 30-1 st	Tokyo	Counter G8 Inter-Forum
July 2-3 rd	Sapporo	Counter G8 Inter-Forum
July 4 th	Sapporo	Anti-Poverty, Farmer's day
July 5 th	Sapporo	<u>The day of international action</u>
July 6 th	Sapporo	Demo & Gathering, Airport Protest
July 7 th	Lake Toya	<u>Block the G8</u>
	Sapporo	Gathering, Alternative Summit
July 8 th	Lake Toya	<u>Block the G8</u>
	Sapporo	Gathering, Alternative Summit
July 9 th	Lake Toya	<u>Block the G8</u>

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Logistics



Suggested Travel Plans

★From Europe to Tokyo(Japan)

Airplane 12 hrs € 700

★From Tokyo to Sapporo(Hokkaido)

Train + Ferry 33 hrs € 42

Night Bus +Train 24 hrs € 46

Bus + Ferry 28 hrs € 60

Train (only) 31 hrs € 70

Airplane 1.5 hrs € 63

★From Sapporo to Lake Toya

Bus 2.5 hrs € 20



Convergence centres or Camps

Tokyo: Convergence Centers (Irregular Rhythm Asylum and one in Koenji Area); Inexpensive Accommodation (€ 10-12) in Sanya area and limited amount of private homes

Osaka and Kyoto: Convergence Centers (somewhere); Inexpensive Accommodation (€ 10-12) in Kamagasaki area and limited amount of private homes

Sapporo: Convergence Center; Camp (one can stay with sleeping bag and tent, with vegan food); Inexpensive Accommodation (€ 15); Independent Media Center

Near Lake Toya: Camp and Independent Media Center

Immigration & Visa

Japanese government innovated US-VISIT...

aim or goal	anti-terrorism
time of start	November, 2007
target	foreign nationals
occasion	every entry & re-entry into Japan
region of body	face and 2 fingers (each one of right and left)
result	It achieved only a slight effect: revealing some illegal visitors, mostly with previous deportation records.
others	Historically Korean and Japanese civil movement have abolished the fingerprinting under the Alien Registration Law.

Japanese police behavior

- **Weapons they carry:**
 - truncheons, plastic shields, sand-stuffed gloves
 - water cannon, tear gas
- **In the situation of direct action:**
 - Mass-arrests are uncommon
- **Japanese police are not as violent as European's**
- **Authority's action against protestors:**
 - Media has reported...

Legal Advice

- Multi-language leaflets and web-site of legal advice will be available
- Basically keep Silent. But for foreign activists, we suggest to carry passport and reveal their minimum identity.
- Detention is generally for 3 days, with possible extension of 10 days, plus additional 10 days. Maximum 23 days.

Significance of the anti-G8 movement as the only Asian country of the G8, Japan

- G8 in a society of high consumerism and control
- Rethinking of Japanese imperialism and its continuation
- The appearance of the anti- or alter-globalisation movement in East Asia
- Creation of international solidarity *from an Asian country*



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2008 Japan G8 Summit NGO Forum <http://www.g8ngoforum.sakura.ne.jp/english/>

Hokkaido G8 Summit Citizen Forum <http://kitay-hokkaido.net/>

WATCH (Watch Human Rights on Summit) <http://watch08summit.blogspot.com/>

G8 Media Network <http://tv.g8medianetwork.org/>

Japan Indymedia <http://japan.indymedia.org/>

The Esperanto League for Freedom in Hokkaido <http://lea-h.sakura.ne.jp/>

Rage & Football Collective <http://d.hatena.ne.jp/rage-football-08/20080216>

Irregular Rhythm Asylum <http://a.sanpal.co.jp/irregular/>

JIRIKI Record <http://jiriki-records.nomasters.com/>

Mayday Tokyo <http://freeter-union.org/mayday/>

Gipfelsoli <http://gipfelsoli.org/>

G8 TV <http://g8-tv.org/>

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