

Ways towards an immediate resolution of the abductions issue with time constraint

SYMPOSIUM

The Online Symposium in the UN on the Abductions Issue

The abductions issue is not a historical event but an ongoing problem and an international challenge that requires immediate resolution. Australia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the United States and the European Union will co-host an online symposium on the issue, as a side event of the UN, with the participation of the members of permanent missions to the UN in New York.

This online symposium will present the voices of families of the victims from Japan and other countries. We have also invited experts on the international situation concerning North Korea to discuss and deepen understanding of the ways to resolve the abductions issue and its importance to the international community.

Date **8:00am-9:45am EST**
(21:00-22:45 JST)

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June 27, Thu

Co-hosted by Australia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the United States, and the European Union



PROGRAM

- 1 Opening Remarks**
YAMAZAKI Kazuyuki
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Japan to the UN
- 2 Keynote Remarks**
HAYASHI Yoshimasa
Chief Cabinet Secretary and Minister in Charge of the Abduction Issue of Japan
- 3 Remarks by the Representatives of co-hosts**
Linda Thomas-Greenfield
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Representative of the United States of America to the UN
James Larsen
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Australia to the UN
Hwang Joonkook
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the UN
Stavros Lambrinidis
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Head of Delegation of the European Union to the UN
- 4 Remarks by a member of the House of Representatives of Japan**
FURUYA Keiji
Chairman of the Committee of Congressional Members to Act for the Early Rescue of Japanese Victims Abducted by North Korea
- 5 Appeal by the Families**
YOKOTA Takuya
Representative of the Association of Families of Japanese Kidnapped by North Korea
IIZUKA Koichiro
Secretary-General of the Association of Families of Japanese Kidnapped by North Korea
SASAKI Michiko
Member of the Family Association of the Missing Persons Probably Related to the DPRK
James Sneddon
Brother of Mr. David Sneddon
Banjong Panchoi
Nephew of Ms. Anocha Panchoi
- 6 Panel Discussion**
Moderator **NISHINO Junya**
Professor of Keio University, Japan
Panelists **Evans J. R. Revere**
Former Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, the United States of America
Lee Won-Deog
Professor of Kookmin University, the Republic of Korea
- 7 Closing Remarks**
YAMAZAKI Kazuyuki
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Japan to the UN

Please watch the live broadcast of the symposium on UN Web TV (in English) and the official YouTube Channel of the Headquarters for the Abduction Issue, the Government of Japan (in Japanese and Thai). It will also be posted in the archives.

Japanese and Thai

Youtube "The Official Channel of the Headquarters for the Abduction Issue, the Government of Japan"

<https://www.youtube.com/@rachitaichannel/streams>



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