

## Policies and Concrete Measures for Resolving the Abduction Issue

### 1 . Policies

The abductions by North Korea are a critical issue concerning the sovereignty of Japan and the lives and safety of Japanese citizens. It is a highly pressing issue that must be resolved under the responsibility of the government. The government will firmly maintain its basic policy that the normalization of diplomatic relations with North Korea will not occur unless the abductions issue is resolved, and remains fully committed to demanding North Korea take action to ensure the safety of all abductees and their immediate return to Japan regardless of whether they are officially identified as abductees. The government also remains committed to pursuing the disclosure of the truth regarding all abduction cases and demanding the surrender of the perpetrators of the abductions to Japan.

### 2 . Concrete measures

With the initiative of the head and the deputies of the Headquarters, all Cabinet ministers should cooperate in implementing the above-mentioned policy, and should make their utmost efforts in the following eight points within their respective areas of responsibility.

1. to discuss further countermeasures and promote strict law enforcement under the current legal framework to urge North Korea to speedily resolve the abduction issue;
2. to take every opportunity, including the Japan-North Korea Intergovernmental Talks, to strongly demand that North Korea takes concrete action to resolve the abduction issue;
3. to strengthen the collection, analysis, and management of information on abductees and the situation in North Korea;
4. to strengthen the investigation and examination of cases in which the possibility of abduction cannot be ruled out, and to continue investigating the individuals responsible for abductions domestically and internationally;
5. to reaffirm our determination not to let the abduction issue be fade away, and to make further efforts to raise public awareness on this issue through various domestic and international means, including education in schools;
6. to further enhance international cooperation by strengthening ties with the United States, ROK, and other relevant countries and by having discussions at UN meetings and other multilateral talks;
7. to take conscientious measures with regard to the family members of abductees, offer ongoing support for returned abductees, and carefully prepare for the future return of abductees; and
8. to discuss all other measures which can contribute to the resolution of the abduction issue.

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