



Video Message from Families of Abductees

- We shall never give up! For the return of our beloved family members! -



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Until we hold our beloved family members in our arms, We Shall Never Give Up

During the 1970's and 1980's, many Japanese citizens were abducted by North Korea.

In 2002, North Korea admitted for the first time that they had abducted Japanese citizens and issued an apology. Since then, however, only five abductees have been able to set foot on Japanese soil again, and others haven't returned yet. The abductees' families have experienced trying times, yet their hope to be reunited with their abducted family members endures. This video conveys their earnest hope for reunion.

Interviewed Families

(In order of appearance)

1 Family of Ms. Yaeko Taguchi (abductee)

Mr. Shigeo Iizuka (elder brother)
Mr. Masaru Honma (elder brother)
Mr. Koichiro Iizuka (son)

2 Family of Ms. Megumi Yokota (abductee)

Mr. Shigeru Yokota (father)
Ms. Sakie Yokota (mother)
Mr. Tetsuya Yokota (younger brother)
Mr. Takuya Yokota (younger brother)

3 Family of Ms. Miyoshi Soga (abductee)

Ms. Hitomi Soga (daughter)

4 Family of Ms. Kyoko Matsumoto (abductee)

Mr. Hajime Matsumoto (elder brother)

5 Family of Mr. Shuichi Ichikawa (abductee)

Mr. Kenichi Ichikawa (elder brother)
Ms. Ryuko Ichikawa (elder sister)

6 Family of Ms. Rumiko Masumoto (abductee)

Ms. Fumiko Hirano (elder sister)
Mr. Teruaki Masumoto (younger brother)

7 Family of Mr. Kaoru Matsuki (abductee)

Ms. Fumiyo Saito (elder sister)
Mr. Nobuhiro Matsuki (younger brother)

8 Family of Ms. Keiko Arimoto (abductee)

Mr. Akihiro Arimoto (father)
Ms. Kayoko Arimoto (mother)

Viewers' comments

- Abductees' families express their love for their abducted family members and anger towards North Korea openly and powerfully, in a way which is heart-wrenching. I hope that as many people as possible watch this video to develop their understanding of the abduction issue.
- The interviewed families' messages spoke to me directly and led me to wonder, "What if any of my family members were abducted..." which made my heart break.

Running Time: About 27 minutes

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