

Events related to North Korean Human Rights Abuses Awareness Week

# International Symposium by the Japanese Government

— International Cooperation towards Resolution of the Abduction Issue —

Date

**December 12, 2015 (Sat)**  
14:00 – 16:00 (doors open at 13:00)

**Free  
admission**  
Registration is required  
in advance.

Venue

**Iino Hall**  
(4th floor, Iino Building, 2-1-1 Uchisaiwaicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo)

Hosts

Headquarters for the Abduction Issue, Ministry of Justice

Supporter

Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

**Same  
Day!!**

No registration  
required

**Live Show : Joint recording of radio programs to  
North Korea by “Furusato no Kaze” and “Shiokaze”**

Date : December 12, 2015 (Sat), 19:00 – 21:00

Venue : Iino Hall

Hosts : Secretariat of the Headquarters for the Abduction Issue,  
Investigation Commission on Missing Japanese Probably Related to N.Korea

Contents : Concerts by music college students and volunteers,  
Talks by producers of the radio programs to North Korea, etc.



## Purpose of the Symposium

The abduction of Japanese citizens by North Korea is a matter of grave concern that undermines the national sovereignty of Japan and the lives and safety of the Japanese people. With the swelling momentum in the international community to call on North Korea to improve its human rights situation and resolve the issue, this international symposium invites experts such as UN staff and senior officials of related governments, and discuss how we can resolve the abduction issue through cooperation with the international community.

## International Symposium

### Theme

**Actions of the International Community to Call on Improvement of Human Rights in North Korea and Resolve the Abduction Issue**

### Program (scheduled)

13:00 Doors open

14:00 Start

### Part 1 International Symposium

(1) Keynote speaker : Katsunobu Kato

Minister in charge of the Abduction Issue

(2) Panel discussion

Panelists : Shigeo Iizuka

Chairman, The Association of Families of Victims Kidnapped by North Korea

Mr. Marzuki Darusman

UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the DPRK (video message)

Senior officials from UN and related governments, and other experts are scheduled to participate.

### Part 2 *Furusato no kaze* mini concert

16:00 Close



**Katsunobu Kato**  
Minister in charge of the  
Abduction Issue



**Shigeo Iizuka**  
Chairman, The Association  
of Families of Victims  
Kidnapped by North Korea  
(panelist)



**Mr. Marzuki Darusman**  
UN Special Rapporteur  
on the Situation of Human  
Rights in the DPRK  
(video message)

## How to Register

**Please register either on our homepage, by e-mail, or fax.**

\*An admission ticket will be sent to you by e-mail in advance. Please bring it to the venue. Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis and will close once the number of registrations reaches capacity.

**Secretariat for the international symposium hosted by the Japanese Government for North Korean Human Rights Abuses Awareness Week**

**Homepage** ▶

<https://www.omc.co.jp/abductees/en/tokyo2015/>

**E-mail/Fax** ▶

with the following information:

1. Affiliation 2. Name 3. Telephone number 4. E-mail address or Home address 5. Names of people that will accompany you (you may accompany as many people you would like.)

**E-mail (rachi2015@omc.co.jp) or Fax (03-5362-0124)**

**Deadline : December 5 (Sat)**

## Access



Direct from Exit C4, Kasumigaseki Station on the Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line and Chiyoda Line; 5-min walk from Exit B2, Kasumigaseki Station on the Marunouchi Line; 3-min walk from Exit 9, Toranomon Station on the Ginza Line; 10-min walk from Exit 5, Sakuradamon Station on the Yurakucho Line; 10-min walk from Shimabashi Station on the JR Yamanote, Keihin Tohoku, Tokaido, Yokosuka, Toei Asakusa, and Yurikamome Lines; 3-min walk from Exit A7, Uchisaiwaicho Station on the Toei Mita Line

## North Korean Human Rights Abuses Awareness Week

North Korean Human Rights Abuses Awareness Week is held every year from December 10 to 16 to increase interest and awareness of human rights abuses by North Korea, including the abduction issue.



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