

Towards the Immediate Rescue of Abductees!

International Symposium by the Japanese Government

**– International Cooperation to Seek the Accountability
for Human Rights Violations in North Korea, Including the Abduction Issue –**

Events related to North Korean Human Rights Abuses Awareness Week

Date

December 10, 2016 (Sat)

14:00 – 16:00 (Doors open at 13:00)

Venue

lino Hall

(4th floor, lino Building, 2-1-1 UchisaiwaiCho, Chiyoda-Ku, Tokyo)

Hosts

Headquarters for the Abductions Issue, Ministry of Justice

Supporter

Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

**Free
admission**

Registration is required
in advance.

**Same
Day!!**

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

**No registration
required**

Date : December 10, 2016 (Sat), 17:00 - 19:00

Venue : lino Hall

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

Contents : “Concert to pray for the rescue of abductees” by the Police Band and volunteers
and introduction of the shortwave radio broadcast to North Korea

Purpose of the Symposium

In order to resolve the issue of the abduction of Japanese citizens by North Korea, Japan must take the initiative in addressing the issue by raising its voice proactively. At the same time, it is essential for Japan to cooperate with the international community that has been condemning long-standing, widespread and gross violations of human rights in North Korea, including the abduction issue, and that has been strongly urging them to change their reluctant attitude to address the issues earnestly to take specific actions toward solving the problem. From this point of view, the Japanese government hosts the international symposium to discuss possible way of policy coordination and collaboration in the international community to effectively seek accountability for human rights violations in North Korea, inviting domestic and foreign experts on Korean Peninsula situations and UN human rights mechanisms. We are expecting that this symposium leads to the return of the abductees as soon as possible.

International Symposium

Theme International Cooperation to Seek the Accountability for Human Rights Violations in North Korea: Towards the Immediate Rescue of Abductees

Program (Scheduled)

13:00 Doors open

14:00 Start

Part 1 International Symposium

(1) Opening Remarks by the Host : **Katsunobu Kato**

Minister in charge of the Abduction Issue

(2) Keynote Speaker : **Mr. Marzuki Darusman**

(3) Panel Discussion

Moderator : Mr. Toshiya Hoshino

Professor, Osaka School of International Public Policy, Osaka University (Former Vice-President of Osaka University)

Panelists : Mr. Marzuki Darusman

Former UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the DPRK

Mr. Lee Jung-Hoon

Ambassador-at-large on North Korean Human Rights of the Republic of Korea

Mr. Hyun Seong Il

Former Research fellow at the Institute of National Security Strategy (INSS), the Republic of Korea

Mr. Motoo Noguchi

Chair of the Board of the Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) of the International Criminal Court (ICC)

Mr. Tomás Ojea Quintana

UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the DPRK (Video Message)

Part 2 *Furusato no kaze* mini concert

16:00 Close

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 registration reaches capacity.

Secretariat for the International Symposium hosted by the Japanese Government for North Korean Human Rights Abuses Awareness Week

Homepage ▶

<https://comm.stage.ac/abductees2016/en/>

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 to.)

E-mail (rachi2016@stage.ac) or FAX (03-5966-5773)

Deadline : December 6 (Tue)

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.

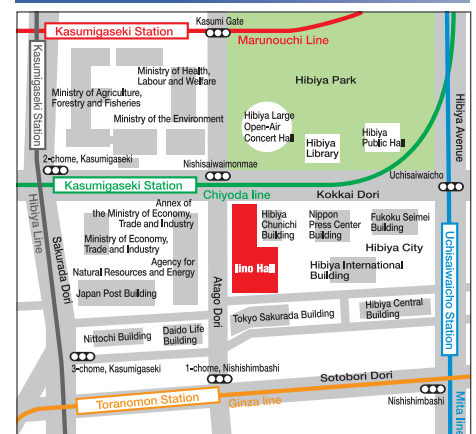


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Situation of Human
Rights in the DPRK

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 Shimbashi 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