

The Online Symposium in the UN on the Abductions Issue

International cooperation to resolve the abductions issue as a global issue

**Co-hosted by the governments of Australia, Japan,
the US, and the European Union**

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

8:00am-9:40am EST

The abductions issue is a serious concern for the international community. The governments of Australia, Japan, and the US, and the European Union will host an online symposium on the issue, as a side event of the UN, with participation of permanent missions of member states to the UN.

At this online symposium, we will have an opportunity to directly listen to the voices of families of the victims from Japan and other countries.

We have also invited experts from several countries to discuss the possible ways of the resolution of the abductions issue.

1	Opening Remarks	ISHIKANE Kimihiro, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Japan to the UN
2	Keynote Remarks	KATO Katsunobu, 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 to the UN Mitch Fifield, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Australia to the UN Olof Skoog, Permanent Representative - Head of the EU Delegation to the UN
4	Remarks by the Chairman of the Committee of Congressional Members to Act for the Early Rescue of Japanese Victims Abducted by North Korea	FURUYA Keiji, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan
5	Appeal by the Families of Victims	YOKOTA Takuya, Secretary-General of the Association of Families of Victims Kidnapped by North Korea(AFVKN) IIZUKA Koichiro, Vice Secretary-General of AFVKN UEMURA Terumitsu, Vice President of the Family Association of the Missing Persons and Mitsuko Probably Related to the DPRK James Sneddon, Brother of David Sneddon Gabriel Bumbea, Brother of Doina Bumbea Banjong Panchoi, Nephew of Anocha Panchoi
6	Panel Discussion	Moderator HOSHINO Toshiya, Professor, Osaka School of International Public Policy, Osaka University Panelists HIRAIWA Shunji, Professor, Nanzan University Frank Jannuzi, President and CEO, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation Lee Jung Hoon, Professor, Yonsei University, Former Ambassador-at-large on North Korean Human Rights
7	Closing Remarks	KATO Katsunobu, Chief Cabinet Secretary and Minister in Charge of the Abduction issue of Japan

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)

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