

International Symposium in New York

Abductions by North Korea

Hosted by the Government of Japan

Symposium: Friday, **May 3rd**, 2013

From 4:00pm to 6:00pm
(Doors open at 3:30pm)

Venue: **Japan Society Auditorium**
333 E 47th St, New York, NY 10017
(Between 1st Avenue and 2nd Avenue)

Entry:
Free

Display and Screening of Animation Film:
May 3rd, 2013

From 10:00am to 7:00pm
Venue: Japan Society Murase Room



Keynote Speech 1

Keiji Furuya

Minister of State for the
Abduction Issue, Govern-
ment of Japan



Keynote Speech 2

Maarit Kohonen Sheriff

Deputy Head of the New
York Office of the United
Nations High Commissioner
for Human Rights

Other presenters: North Korean abductions experts from Japan and the US and the family members of the Japanese abductees
※ Speakers might be changed without notice

How To Register

Please register hereunder

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Abductions of Japanese Citizens

At the coast line of the Japanese islands and overseas, there was a string of incidents in which Japanese citizens disappeared under unnatural circumstances. North Korea is suspected of committing abduction in many of these incidents. To date, the Government of Japan (GoJ) has identified 17 citizens as victims of abduction by North Korea, and there are still other cases in which the possibility of abduction by North Korea cannot be ruled out.

North Korea admitted for the first time in September 2002 that it had in fact abducted Japanese citizens, and five of them returned to Japan in October. However, the North Korean authorities have failed to provide credible accounts of the whereabouts of the remaining abductees, who are still awaiting rescue, deprived of all freedoms and have been held captive by North Korea for over 30 years.

The abduction of Japanese citizens by North Korea is not only a matter of grave concern that affects the national sovereignty of Japan and the lives and safety of the Japanese people, but also a grave concern of human rights for the entire international community. Global community should cooperate to resolve this problem.

Presenters

The family members of Japanese abductees and missing Japanese possibly related North Korea



Shigeo Iizuka



Teruaki Masumoto



Shichiro Kobayashi

Presenters

North Korean abductions experts from Japan and the US



Tsutomu Nishioka

Chairman, The National Association for the Rescue of Japanese Kidnapped by North Korea (NARKN); 1997 Advisor to the founding of NARKN, which provides support to families of the victims of abduction, and presently the Chairman of NARKN 2000 and Professor at Tokyo Christian University. (same position at present)



Kazuhiro Araki

Chairman, Investigation Commission on Missing Japanese Probably Rerated to North Korea (COMJAN); 2000~2003 Secretariat-General of NARKN 2003 Chairman of COMJAN 2003 Sergeant in the reserve(same position at present) 2004 Professor at Institute of World Studies, Takushoku University(same position at present)



Melanie Kirkpatrick

Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute At the Wall Street Journal, she was Deputy Editor of the editorial page from 2006-2009 and a longtime member of the editorial board. Her most recent book is "Escape from North Korea: The Untold Story of Asia's Underground Railroad" (Encounter Books, 2012)

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