

Public Symposium hosted by RSF

Changing Refugee Legal Systems in Asia (The Philippines, South Korea) and its impact on Japan

Date: Saturday, 7 June 2014

10:00 – 16:30 (Hall opens at 9:30 for Part 1 and at 12:30 for Part 2)

Venue: **Shinnyo-en Yushin Center Building 5F** Exit 4, Tokyo Metro Hanzomon station

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Program:

《Part 1》 10:00 – 12:00

Presentation of studies by winners of the

“1st Grant to encourage Young Researchers of Refugee Studies”

- Revisiting international law theories surrounding Article 33 Item 2 of the Convention related to the Status of Refugees: from the protection and surrogacy aspect

Yuta Kato (Graduate School of Law, Tohoku University)

- When Refugees decide to come to Japan: Migrants and Third Country Resettlement

Junko Miura (Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Tokyo / Research Fellow, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science)

- Somaliland and Somaliland Diaspora: An attempt to capture the dynamism developing across borders

Nobue Sunaga (Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Tokyo)

- How a small town factories contributed in accepting Vietnam refugees in a Japanese workplace: Case studies from Himeji-shi and Nagata-ku, Kobe-shi (Hyogo Prefecture)

Erina Seto So (Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University) and

Emi Nogami (Graduate School of Intercultural Studies, Kobe University)

《Part 2》 13:30 – 16:30

1. Key Note Speech: Brian Barbour

(Chair, Legal Aid and Advocacy Working Group, Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network)

2. Presentations and Panel Discussion

- The Philippines: Situation of stateless people and introducing a Refugee status and statelessness recognition system

FU Yue (Associate Professor, Ibaraki University)

- South Korea: Establishment of Refugee Legislation and Refugee support center, a study of movements regarding third country resettlement

Kanako Matsuoka (RSF Secretariat / Researcher)

- Japan: Situation and Challenges surrounding the Refugee Recognition System

Mitsuru Namba (Attorney at Law)

Guest Panelist: Yiombi THONA (Assistant Professor, Gwangju University / Recognized Refugee)

Moderator: Toshiaki Fujimoto (Lecturer, Kanagawa University / Board Member, Refugee Studies Forum)

Capacity: 140 (First-come, First served) Charge: Free

Simultaneous interpretation to be provided for English and Japanese (Part 2)

Host: **Refugee Studies Forum** Support: **Shinnyo-en**

To attend: Send your name, affiliation/title, telephone number, and E-mail address to the secretariat (details below) by e-mail or fax by Wednesday, 4 June 2014. List will be closed when quorum is reached.

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