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Japanese Academic Societies Unite to Release a Joint Statement to Protect the Independence of the Science Council of Japan

Japanese scholars have met the Prime Minister Suga's decision to reject the candidacy of six humanities and social sciences scholars for the Science Council of Japan with grave concern. 226 academic societies in the humanities and social sciences in Japan issued a Joint Statement on November 6th. Since then, the number of co-signers has reached 310. On December 2nd, they issued the same statement in English, gave a press interview and appealed to scholars and citizens worldwide for support and cooperation.

The Science Council of Japan, which is a national academy and not a federation of academic societies, does not directly represent the interests of the societies. Nevertheless, the societies are deeply concerned with the issue as the Prime Minister's rejection of appointment not only violates the independence of the Science Council of Japan but also further threatens academic freedom, autonomy and democracy in Japan.

See the interview video on the Joint Statement:

As one of the societies that have co-signed the Joint Statement, hereby Intercultural Education Society of Japan also releases it.

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Joint Statement by the Academic Societies of the Humanities and Social Sciences on the Refusal to Appoint Nominees as Council Members to the 25th Term of the Science Council of Japan

We, the 310 academic societies in the field of humanities and social sciences, support the “Request for Appointment of New Members for the 25th Term” issued by the Science Council of Japan on October 2nd, 2020, and strongly demand the immediate realization of the following two points:

1. An explanation of the reason(s) why the nominees recommended by the Science Council of Japan were not appointed.
2. The appointment of the nominees recommended by the Science Council of Japan who were not appointed.

Academic societies participating in this joint statement (140)

Art Education Society of Japan	Council of Academies for Social Policies*
Association for Cultural Typhoon*	European Union Studies Association in Japan*
Association for Early Japanese Literature*	Jochi Daigaku Shigakukai(Historical Society of Sophia University)*
Association for Japanese Social Literature*	History Educationalist Conference of Japan
Association for Language and Cultural Education	History of Educational Thought Society
Association for Modern Japanese Literary Studies*	Hokkaido Society for the Study of Education**
Association for Narrative Studies*	Intercultural Education Society of Japan*
Association for Showa Literary Studies*	International Society for Gender Studies*
Association for the Study of Industrial Management (Japan) *	Japan Academic Association of Socio-education and Service Learning**
Association for the University Evaluation*	Japan Academy of Labor and Management*
Association Japonaise d'Etudes Sartriennes*	Japan Association for Comparative Economic Studies**
Association of Historical Science (Rekishikagaku Kyogikai)	Japan Association for Educational Media Study
Bukkyo Bungakukai (Society of Buddhist Literature)*	Japan Association for International Education*
Chiba Rekishi Gakkai (Chiba Historical Society)	Japan Association for Latin American Studies*
Chihoshi Kenkyû Kyogikai (The Local History Conference)	Japan Association for Middle East Studies*
Chuo Shigakukai (Historical Association of Chuo University)	Japan Association for Nilo-Ethiopian Studies
	Japan Association for Philosophy of Science

Japan Association for Social Policy Studies	Japanese Society for Historical Studies of Social Welfare**
Japan Association for the Comparative Studies of Management**	Japanese Society for Law and Psychology*
Japan Association for the Improvement of Conditions of Women Scientists*	Japanese Society for Physiological Psychology and Psychophysiology*
Japan Association for the Study of School Music Education Practice	Japanese Society for Science and Technology Studies*
Japan Association for Urban Sociology*	Japanese Society for the Historical Studies of Early Childhood Education and Care*
Japan Association of Educators for Human Development	Japanese Society for the Study of Nursing and Social Work*
Japan Comparative Literature Association*	Japanese Society for the Study of Social Welfare*
Japan Education Law Association	Japanese Society for the Study of Social Work**
Japan Literature Association*	Kansai Sociological Association*
Japan Music Education Society**	Law Section of Association of Democratic Scientists*
Japan Outdoor Education Society	Manyo Society*
Japan Schopenhauer-Association*	Nagoya Rekishikagaku Kenkyûkai (Nagoya Association for Historical Science)
Japan Society for Educational Technology*	Nara Historical Society
Japan society for Southeast Asian Studies*	Nihon Kirisutokyo Syakaifukushi Gakkai (Japanese Society for Christian Social Welfare Studies)*
Japan Society for Studies in Journalism and Mass Communication*	Société Japono-Française de Sociologie
Japan Society for the Study of Materialism*	Society for the Study of Diplomats in Japan*
Japan Society for the Study of Technical and Vocational Education and Training*	Society of Archaeological Studies*
Japan Society of Developmental Psychology*	Syutoken Keiseishi Kenkyûkai (Association of History of Creation of Metropolitan Area)
Japan Society of Image Arts and Sciences*	The Academy of Middle Ages Literature*
Japan Society of Mathematical Education	The Association for High School-University Collaboration in History Education*
Japan Society of Political Economy*	The Association for Studies of Culture and Representation*
Japan Society of Social Science on Latin America*	The Association for the Study of Japanese Heian Literature*
Japan Society of Sport Sociology*	The Association for the Study of Japanese Language and Literature*
Japanese Association for Contemporary Historical Studies*	The Association of Japanese Clinical Psychology*
Japanese Association for Northern European Studies	The English Linguistic Society of Japan
Japanese Association of Higher Education Research**	The Historical Association of Senshu University
Japanese Association of the Sociolinguistic Sciences*	The Historical Science Society of Japan
Japanese Byron Society	The History of Science Society of Japan*
Japanese Educational Research Association	
Japanese Federation of Philosophical Societies	
Japanese Research Association for Community Development**	

The Institute for Fundamental Political Economy
 The Japan Association for Developmental Education
 The Japan Association for Feminist Economics*
 The Japan Association for Korean Language Education**
 The Japan Association for Qin-Han Historical Studies
 The Japan Association for the Study on the History of Sociology*
 The Japan Association of Applied Psychology
 The Japan Federation of Societies for the Study of Religions**
 The Japan Society for Historical Studies of Education*
 The Japan Society for the Study of Adult and Community Education**
 The Japan Society of Educational Sociology*
 The Japan Society of Youth and Adolescent Psychology*
 The Japan Sociological Society*
 The Japanese Association for Environmental Sociology*
 The Japanese Association for Rural Studies*
 The Japanese Association of Educational Psychology*
 The Japanese Association of Psychology in Teaching and Learning**
 The Japanese Group Dynamics Association
 The Japanese Historical Council
 The Japanese Psychological Association
 The Japanese Research Association of Psychological Science*
 The Japanese Society for Curriculum Studies*
 The Japanese Society for Education of Young Children
 The Japanese Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies*
 The Japanese Society for Environmental Education**
 The Japanese Society for Historical Studies (Nihonshi Kenkyūkai)
 The Japanese Society for the Study of Educational Objectives and Evaluation*
 The Japanese Society for the Study on Teacher Education*
 The Japanese Society of Cultural Anthropology*
 The Japanese Society of Medieval Philosophy*
 The Kantoh Sociological Society*
 The Kojiki Society
 The Linguistic Society of Japan
 The Narrative Literary Society**
 The Osaka Historical Association
 The Phenomenological Association of Japan*
 The Philosophical Society of Tohoku*
 The Phonological Society of Japan*
 The Research Society for Women's History
 The Society for Ancient Literature*
 The Society for Japanese Linguistics*
 The Society for Research on Women's History
 The Society for Sociological Theory in Japan*
 The Society for Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language**
 The Sociology of Science Society of Japan*
 The Tohoku Sociological Society
 The United Associations of Language Studies
 Tokyo Rekishikagaku Kenkyūkai (Tokyo Association for Historical Science)*

Academic societies supportive of this joint statement (170)

A Japan Branch of the Society for the History of Asian Casting Technology*	Japan NPO Research Association*
Akita Kindaishi Kenkyûkai (Akita Association for Modern History)	Japan Scholarly Association for Asian Management*
Association for East European Studies**	Japan Society for Disability Studies*
Association for the Interdisciplinary Studies of Japanese Buddhism*	Japan Society for Distributive Sciences
Association of Buddhist Philosophy*	Japan Society for Gender Studies*
Associazione di Studi Italiani in Giappone	Japan Society for the Pedagogy of Physical Education
Australian Studies Association of Japan*	Japan Society of English Language Education*
Business History Society of Japan**	Japan Society of Family Sociology
Chiiki Joseishi Kenkyûkai (Association for Local History of Women)*	Japan Society of Korean Language Education**
Doitsu Gendaishi Kenkyûkai (Association for German Contemporary History)*	Japan Society of Lifology*
Hakusan Shigakukai (Association for Historical Studies of the Toyo University)*	Japan Society of New Testament Studies*
Heidegger-Forum in Japan	Japan Society of Research on Early Childhood Care and Education*
Hokkaido Sociological Association*	Japan Society of Social Work in Health
Institute of Science of Cultural History*	Japan Society of Taoistic Research**
International Association of Early Childhood Education	Japan Society of the History of Physical Education and Sport*
International Society for Akutagawa [Ryunosuke] Studies**	Japan Society of Vocational Rehabilitation
Iwate Society for Historical Studies	Japan Sociological Association for Social Analysis*
Japan Academic Society for Educational Policy**	Japan Welfare Sociology Association*
Japan Academic Society of Mathematics Education	Japanese Association for Comparative Philosophy*
Japan Academy of Business Administration**	Japanese Association for Mathematical Sociology*
Japan Association for African Studies*	Japanese Association for Religious Studies*
Japan Association for College and University Education	Japanese Association for the Social Studies*
Japan Association of Gender and Law*	Japanese Association for the Study of Extracurricular Activities
Japan Association of Regional and Community Studies*	Japanese Association for Tibetan Studies*
Japan Association of Research on Child Care Social Work	Japanese Association of Modern East Asian History*
Japan Environmental Council*	Japanese Association of Qualitative Psychology*
Japan Federation of Management related Academies*	Japanese Association of Religion and Ethics*
	Japanese Association of School Education*
	Japanese Association of Social Problems*
	Japanese Association of Sociological Criminology**
	Japanese Educational Research Association for the Social Studies
	Japanese Society for British Philosophy*
	Japanese Society for Neoplatonic Studies*
	Japanese Society for Oceanic Studies**

Japanese Society for the Study of Human Welfare and Culture	Spinoza Society of Japan*
Japanese Society for the Study of Russian History	Sundai Historical Association*
Japanese Society of Existential Thought*	The American Literature Society of Japan**
Japanische Gesellschaft für Germanistik*	The Association for Indology and Study of Religion**
Japanische Hegel-Gesellschaft*	The Association for Kyosei Studies*
Japanischer Verein fuer Goethes Naturwissenschaft*	The Association for Northeast Asia Regional Studies*
Komazawa Religious Study Institute*	The Association for the Study of Japanese Mountain Religion*
Kyoto Historical Science Association	The Association of Japanese Ballads and Songs*
Mifukushikai (Society of Early Japanese Literature)*	The Association of Japanese Geographers*
National Association for the Study of Educational Methods**	The Chubu Society for the Study of Education**
Nihon Bungaku Fudo Gakkai (Japan Society for the Geo-climatological Study of Literature)**	The Chubu Society of Philosophy*
Nishida Philosophy Association*	The Confucianism Society of Japan*
Ôryô Shigakukai (Association for Historical Studies of the Bukkyo University) *	The English Literary Society of Japan*
Peace Studies Association of Japan*	The Gender History Association of Japan*
Philosophy of Education Society of Japan**	The Historical Association of Tokyo Gakugei University
Phonetic Society of Japan*	The Historical Society of Akita University
Rakuhoku Shigaku Kai (The Rakuhoku Society of Historical Studies)	The Historical Society of Hosei University*
Schelling-Gesellschaft Japan*	The Historical Society of Waseda University*
Societe d'anthropologie historique	The Human Geographical Society of Japan**
Société franco-japonaise de philosophie*	The Japan Association for Russian and East European Studies**
Société franco-japonaise des Sciences de l'Éducation*	The Japan Association of Sandplay Therapy*
Société franco-japonaise des Sciences historiques	The Japan Christian Education Society*
Société Japonaise de Linguistique Française*	The Japan Educational Administration Society**
Society for Philosophy of Religion in Japan*	The Japan Society for Historical Research of Manners and Customs
Society for the Study of Modern History*	The Japan Society for Studies on Educational Practices*
Society for the Study of Modern Japanese Buddhist History*	The Japan Society for the Geniza Studies
Society for the Study of Pali and Buddhist Culture*	The Japanese Society of Health and Medical Sociology*
Society for the Study of Poverty*	The Japanese Archaeological Association*
Society for the Study of Working Women*	The Japanese Association for Behavior Analysis*
Society of Inner Asian Studies	The Japanese Association for Canadian Studies**
Society of the Child and Nature*	The Japanese Association for Migration Studies*
Socio-Economic History Society*	The Japanese Association for the Study of Guidance*
Sociological Society of West Japan*	The Japanese Association for the Study of Popular Music*

The Japanese Association for the Study of Religion and Society*	The Kanto Educational Research Society**
The Japanese Association of Home Economics Education*	The Osaka Association of Historical Sciences*
The Japanese Association of Indian and Buddhist Studies*	The Philosophical Association of Japan*
The Japanese Association of Labor Sociology*	The Political Economy and Economic History Society*
The Japanese Association of Microcounseling*	The Saigyo Association*
The Japanese Association of School Health**	The Sinological Society of Japan*
The Japanese Association of Sociology for Human Liberation*	The Society for Comparative Family History*
The Japanese Association of Special Education*	The Society for History of Sengoku Studies
The Japanese Conference for the Study of Political Thought*	The Society for Korean Historical Science*
The Japanese Forest Economic Society*	The Society for Old Testament Study in Japan*
The Japanese Historical Society*	The Society for the History of Management Theories**
The Japanese Society for Aesthetics	The Society for the History of Social Thought*
The Japanese Society for Animal Psychology*	The Society for the Study of Occidental History
The Japanese Society for Historical Studies on Higher Education*	The Society of Christian Studies, Kyoto University
The Japanese Society for History of the Performing Arts Research*	The Society of English Grammar and Usage
The Japanese Society of Christian Studies*	The Society of Historical Research
The Japanese Society of Social Psychology	The Society of Historical Studies of Christianity, Japan*
The Japanese Society of the History of Transport and Communications	The Society of Oriental Researches
The Japan-UK Education Forum	The Society of Philosophy*
	The Women's Studies Association of Japan*
	Tohoku Historical Society
	Tokai Sociological Society*
	University of Tsukuba Philosophical Association*
	Waseda Daigaku Tôyôshi Konwakai (Forum of Oriental History of Waseda University)*

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