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The United Associations of Language Studies

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: <https://youtu.be/47unG8Y0-JQ>

As one of the societies that have co-signed the Joint Statement, hereby The United Associations of Language Studies also releases it.

Please send your supportive message to:

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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 Man-agement**	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 Com- munication*	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 Liter- ature*
Japan Society of Sport Sociology*	The Association for the Study of Japanese Language and Literature*
Japanese Association for Contemporary Historical Stu- dies*	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 Japanese Society for Education of Young Children
The Japan Association for Developmental Education	The Japanese Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies*
The Japan Association for Feminist Economics*	The Japanese Society for Environmental Education**
The Japan Association for Korean Language Education**	The Japanese Society for Historical Studies (Nihonshi Kenkyūkai)
The Japan Association for Qin-Han Historical Studies	The Japanese Society for the Study of Educational Objectives and Evaluation*
The Japan Association for the Study on the History of Sociology*	The Japanese Society for the Study on Teacher Education*
The Japan Association of Applied Psychology	The Japanese Society of Cultural Anthropology*
The Japan Federation of Societies for the Study of Religions**	The Japanese Society of Medieval Philosophy*
The Japan Society for Historical Studies of Education*	The Kantoh Sociological Society*
The Japan Society for the Study of Adult and Community Education**	The Kojiki Society
The Japan Society of Educational Sociology*	The Linguistic Society of Japan
The Japan Society of Youth and Adolescent Psychology*	The Narrative Literary Society**
The Japan Sociological Society*	The Osaka Historical Association
The Japanese Association for Environmental Sociology*	The Phenomenological Association of Japan*
The Japanese Association for Rural Studies*	The Philosophical Society of Tohoku*
The Japanese Association of Educational Psychology*	The Phonological Society of Japan*
The Japanese Association of Psychology in Teaching and Learning**	The Research Society for Women's History
The Japanese Group Dynamics Association	The Society for Ancient Literature*
The Japanese Historical Council	The Society for Japanese Linguistics*
The Japanese Psychological Association	The Society for Research on Women's History
The Japanese Research Association of Psychological Science*	The Society for Sociological Theory in Japan*
The Japanese Society for Curriculum Studies*	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*	Association for East European Studies**
Akita Kindaishi Kenkyūkai (Akita Association for Modern History)	Association for the Interdisciplinary Studies of Japanese Buddhism*
	Association of Buddhist Philosophy*

Associazione di Studi Italiani in Giappone	Japan Society of New Testament Studies*
Australian Studies Association of Japan*	Japan Society of Research on Early Childhood Care and Education*
Business History Society of Japan**	Japan Society of Social Work in Health
Chiiki Joseishi Kenkyûkai (Association for Local History of Women)*	Japan Society of Taoistic Research**
Doitsu Gendaishi Kenkyûkai (Association for German Contemporary History)*	Japan Society of the History of Physical Education and Sport*
Hakusan Shigakukai (Association for Historical Studies of the Toyo University)*	Japan Society of Vocational Rehabilitation
Heidegger-Forum in Japan	Japan Sociological Association for Social Analysis*
Hokkaido Sociological Association*	Japan Welfare Sociology Association*
Institute of Science of Cultural History*	Japanese Association for Comparative Philosophy*
International Association of Early Childhood Education	Japanese Association for Mathematical Sociology*
International Society for Akutagawa [Ryunosuke] Studies**	Japanese Association for Religious Studies*
Iwate Society for Historical Studies	Japanese Association for the Social Studies*
Japan Academic Society for Educational Policy**	Japanese Association for the Study of Extracurricular Activities
Japan Academic Society of Mathematics Education	Japanese Association for Tibetan Studies*
Japan Academy of Business Administration**	Japanese Association of Modern East Asian History*
Japan Association for African Studies*	Japanese Association of Qualitative Psychology*
Japan Association for College and University Education	Japanese Association of Religion and Ethics*
Japan Association of Gender and Law*	Japanese Association of School Education*
Japan Association of Regional and Community Studies*	Japanese Association of Social Problems*
Japan Association of Research on Child Care Social Work	Japanese Association of Sociological Criminology**
Japan Environmental Council*	Japanese Educational Research Association for the Social Studies
Japan Federation of Management related Academies*	Japanese Society for British Philosophy*
Japan NPO Research Association*	Japanese Society for Neoplatonic Studies*
Japan Scholarly Association for Asian Management*	Japanese Society for Oceanic Studies**
Japan Society for Disability Studies*	Japanese Society for the Study of Human Welfare and Culture
Japan Society for Distributive Sciences	Japanese Society for the Study of Russian History
Japan Society for Gender Studies*	Japanese Society of Existential Thought*
Japan Society for the Pedagogy of Physical Education	Japanische Gesellschaft für Germanistik*
Japan Society of English Language Education*	Japanische Hegel-Gesellschaft*
Japan Society of Family Sociology	Japanischer Verein fuer Goethes Naturwissenschaft*
Japan Society of Korean Language Education**	Komazawa Religious Study Institute*
Japan Society of Lifology*	Kyoto Historical Science Association
	Mifukushikai (Society of Early Japanese Literature)*
	National Association for the Study of Educational Methods**

Nihon Bungaku Fudo Gakkai (Japan Society for the Geo-climatological Study of Literature)**
 Nishida Philosophy Association*
 Ôryô Shigakukai (Association for Historical Studies of the Bukkyo University) *
 Peace Studies Association of Japan*
 Philosophy of Education Society of Japan**
 Phonetic Society of Japan*
 Rakuhoku Shigaku Kai (The Rakuhoku Society of Historical Studies)
 Schelling-Gesellschaft Japan*
 Societe d'anthropologie historique
 Société franco-japonaise de philosophie*
 Societé franco-japonaise des Sciences de l'Éducation*
 Société franco-japonaise des Sciences historiques
 Société Japonaise de Linguistique Française*
 Society for Philosophy of Religion in Japan*
 Society for the Study of Modern History*
 Society for the Study of Modern Japanese Buddhist History*
 Society for the Study of Pali and Buddhist Culture*
 Society for the Study of Poverty*
 Society for the Study of Working Women*
 Society of Inner Asian Studies
 Society of the Child and Nature*
 Socio-Economic History Society*
 Sociological Society of West Japan*

 Spinoza Society of Japan*
 Sundai Historical Association*
 The American Literature Society of Japan**
 The Association for Indology and Study of Religion**
 The Association for Kyosei Studies*
 The Association for Northeast Asia Regional Studies*
 The Association for the Study of Japanese Mountain Religion*
 The Association of Japanese Ballads and Songs*
 The Association of Japanese Geographers*
 The Chubu Society for the Study of Education**
 The Chubu Society of Philosophy*

 The Confucianism Society of Japan*
 The English Literary Society of Japan*
 The Gender History Association of Japan*
 The Historical Association of Tokyo Gakugei University
 The Historical Society of Akita University
 The Historical Society of Hosei University*
 The Historical Society of Waseda University*
 The Human Geographical Society of Japan**
 The Japan Association for Russian and East European Studies**
 The Japan Association of Sandplay Therapy*
 The Japan Christian Education Society*
 The Japan Educational Administration Society**
 The Japan Society for Historical Research of Manners and Customs
 The Japan Society for Studies on Educational Practices*
 The Japan Society for the Geniza Studies
 The Japanese Society of Health and Medical Sociology*
 The Japanese Archaeological Association*
 The Japanese Association for Behavior Analysis*
 The Japanese Association for Canadian Studies**
 The Japanese Association for Migration Studies*
 The Japanese Association for the Study of Guidance*
 The Japanese Association for the Study of Popular Music*
 The Japanese Association for the Study of Religion and Society*
 The Japanese Association of Home Economics Education*
 The Japanese Association of Indian and Buddhist Studies*
 The Japanese Association of Labor Sociology*
 The Japanese Association of Microcounseling*
 The Japanese Association of School Health**
 The Japanese Association of Sociology for Human Liberation*
 The Japanese Association of Special Education*

The Japanese Conference for the Study of Political Thought*
The Japanese Forest Economic Society*
The Japanese Historical Society*
The Japanese Society for Aesthetics
The Japanese Society for Animal Psychology*
The Japanese Society for Historical Studies on Higher Education*
The Japanese Society for History of the Performing Arts Research*
The Japanese Society of Christian Studies*
The Japanese Society of Social Psychology
The Japanese Society of the History of Transport and Communications
The Japan-UK Education Forum
The Kanto Educational Research Society**
The Osaka Association of Historical Sciences*
The Philosophical Association of Japan*
The Political Economy and Economic History Society*
The Saigyo Association*
The Sinological Society of Japan*
The Society for Comparative Family History*
The Society for History of Sengoku Studies
The Society for Korean Historical Science*
The Society for Old Testament Study in Japan*
The Society for the History of Management Theories**
The Society for the History of Social Thought*
The Society for the Study of Occidental History
The Society of Christian Studies, Kyoto University
The Society of English Grammar and Usage
The Society of Historical Research
The Society of Historical Studies of Christianity, Japan*
The Society of Oriental Researches
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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* : as board of directors of the academic society

** : as president of the academic society