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JIIA Statement
on
the detainment of a Japanese researcher in China

The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) is deeply concerned that a Japanese researcher who visited China by invitation from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) has been detained. Some researchers are now refraining from visiting China, and some have suggested that research exchanges with China be reconsidered.

In striving to deepen mutual understanding between Japan and China, it is needless to say that the advancement of research exchanges between the two countries is critical. This detainment case throws cold water on such an academic effort.

JIIA, a research institution aiming to maintain and develop exchanges between Japanese and Chinese researchers, requests the Chinese authorities to appropriately disclose information and to promptly release the researcher in question, both in terms of a humanitarian point of view and a sufficient environment for research and academic exchanges.

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