



Trafficking of Japanese-Filipino Children (JFC) and their Mothers

Many of Japanese-Filipino Children (JFC) are born from Filipino women who came to Japan as entertainers since the late 1980s. Most of these children live in the Philippines, but in 2009, the amended Nationality Law came into effect, which allows children with Japanese parent to acquire Japanese citizenship and can come to Japan as “Japanese”, as long as their fathers acknowledge them as children.

In this seminar, we would like to learn once again about the realities and challenges that Japanese-Filipino Children and their mothers face and based on our past experience of support, we would like to think together how the Catholic Church could be involved in the future.

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Opening Address and Prayer: **Bp. Michiaki Yamanouchi** (Chairperson of the Catholic Commission of Japan for Migrants, Refugees and People on the Move [J-CaRM])

Lecture: JFC’ s Hardship and Trafficking in Persons
Ms. Rieko Ito (Director-General of the Citizen’ s Network for Japanese-Filipino Children)

Lecture (including Video): Activities within and out of the Catholic Church for the “Gifu Incident”

Ms. Atsuko Viscardo (SINAPIS [the Social Activity Department of Central Christian Church in Osaka])

Q&A and Exchange of Opinions

Closing Remark and Prayer: **Sr. Filo Shizue Hirota** (Chairperson of Talitha Kum Japan)

Date /Time

May 13, 2023 (Sat) 14:00-16:00

Japanese/English interpretation available

Zoom open at 13:30~

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