



The 80th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between
Japan and Iraq Commemorative Event

Peace Building Seminar

1. Date

Monday, 18th February 2019

2. Venue

The Big Salon, Embassy of Japan in Iraq

3. Program

Time	Event
10:00-10:05	Opening by Embassy of Japan
10:05-10:10	Remarks by Mr. Naofumi Hashimoto, Ambassador of Japan to Iraq
10:10-10:15	Remarks by Dr. Ayad Kadhum Zughair, Director of Scholarships and Cultural Affairs, University of Baghdad
10:15-10:55	“Challenges of Constructing Legitimacy in Peacebuilding: Research in Afghanistan, South Sudan, Syria, and Iraq” by Professor Daisaku Higashi, Sophia University
10:55-11:20	Q&A and Open floor discussion (Moderator: Dr. Sameer Jassam Radhi, College of Political Science, University of Baghdad)
11:20-11:40	(Group photo and Tea break)
11:40-12:20	“Peacebuilding and Forced Displacement: linking humanitarian aid and development aid” by Professor Saburo Takizawa, Toyo Eiwa University
12:20-12:45	Q&A and Open floor discussion (Moderator: Dr. Sameer Jassam Radhi)
12:45-12:50	Closing
12:50-13:50	(Buffet Lunch)

4. Outline and Purpose of the event

The purpose of this event is to exchange lessons and perspectives on the challenges of peacebuilding in both Iraq and other conflicted states and to seek for intellectual collaboration between Iraq and Japan to address these challenges. It will discuss how to create sustainable peace, how to support the refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs), and how to advance national reconciliation which could be vital for peace-building in Iraq. The event will be also the first step to advance cooperation between Sophia University and Baghdad University on the issues of peace-building.

5. Speakers

- Professor Daisaku Higashi, Sophia University

Dr. Daisaku Higashi is professor at Sophia University in Tokyo.

Research Areas: International relations, Peacebuilding.

Program director at NHK, Japan Public TV station from 1993 to 2004, receiving the silver medal from UN Correspondents Association in NY by his TV program, "Rebuilding Iraq: Challenges of UN" (2004).

MA and Ph.D. in Department of Political Science at University of British Columbia in Canada from 2004 to 2012.

Team leader for reconciliation and reintegration in Kabul, United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) from Dec 2009 to Dec 2010.

Associate professor, University of Tokyo from Jan 2011.

Minister-Counsellor in the Permanent Mission of Japan to the UN from Aug 2012 to Aug 2014 (, then returned to University of Tokyo).

Associate professor, Sophia University from 2016 (Professor from 2018) .

His publication includes "Challenges of Constructing Legitimacy in Peacebuilding: Afghanistan, Iraq, Sierra Leone, and East Timor" (Routledge 2015), "Peacebuilding" (Iwanami Shinsho, 2009), etc.

- Professor Saburo Takizawa, Toyo Eiwa University

Dr. Saburo Takizawa is a visiting professor at the Graduate School of International Cooperation, Toyo Eiwa University. He is a former Representative of UNHCR Japan, former Project Professor of the University of Tokyo.

Research interests: Japan's refugee policy, refugee/Immigrant issues, international organizations.

Recent article in English: "Japan's Refugee Policy; issues and outlook", published by the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIJA), available at

http://www2.jiia.or.jp/en/digital_library/index.php

6. Organizers

Embassy of Japan in Iraq in association with University of Baghdad and Sophia University

7. Language

English

