

Joint Statement to Protect the Independence of the Science Council of Japan

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December 2nd, 2020 Board of Directors Japanese Society for Science and Technology 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 (YouTube) As one of the societies that have co-signed the Joint Statement, hereby Japanese Society for Science and Technology Studies also releases it. Please send your supportive message to: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdG8c42G4jnvV3WlygBNkttnEAzleB-UiHMcOMhtE-INn0z3w/viewform?usp=sf_link Issued on November 6th, 2020 Revised on December 2nd, 2020 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 (PDF version) 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: An explanation of the reason(s) why the nominees recommended by the Science Council of Japan were not appointed. 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 Association for Cultural Typhoon* Association for Early Japanese Literature* Association for Japanese Social Literature* Association for Language and Cultural Education Association for Modern Japanese Literary Studies* Association for Narrative Studies* Association for Showa Literary Studies* Association for the Study of Industrial Management (Japan)* Association for the University Evaluation* Association Japonaise d'Etudes Sartriennes* Association of Historical Science (Rekishikagaku Kyogikai) Bukkyo Bungakukai (Society of Buddhist Literature)* Chiba Rekishi Gakkai (Chiba Historical Society) Chihoshi Kenky Kyogikai (The Local History Conference) Chuo Shigakukai (Historical Association of Chuo University) Council of Academies for Social Policies* European Union Studies Association in Japan* Jochi Daigaku Shigakukai (Historical Society of Sophia University)* History Educationalist Conference of Japan History of Educational Thought Society Hokkaido Society for the Study of Education** Intercultural Education Society of Japan* International Society for Gender Studies* Japan Academic Association of Socio-education and Service Learning** Japan Academy of Labor and Management* Japan Association for Comparative Economic Studies** Japan Association for Educational Media Study Japan Association for International Education* Japan Association for Latin American Studies* Japan Association for Middle East Studies* Japan Association for Nilo-Ethiopian Studies Japan Association for Philosophy of Science Japan Association for Social Policy Studies Japan Association for the Comparative Studies of Management** Japan Association for the Improvement of Conditions of Women Scientists* Japan Association for the Study of School Music Education Practice Japan Association for Urban Sociology* Japan Association of Educators for Human Development Japan Comparative Literature Association* Japan Education Law Association Japan Literature Association* Japan Music Education Society** Japan Outdoor Education Society Japan Schopenhauer-Association* Japan Society for Educational Technology* Japan Society for Southeast Asian Studies* Japan Society for Studies in Journalism and Mass Communication* Japan Society for the Study of Materialism* Japan Society for the Study of Technical and Vocational Education and Training* Japan Society of Developmental Psychology* Japan Society of Image Arts and Sciences* Japan Society of Mathematical Education Japan Society of Political Economy* Japan Society of Social Science on Latin America* Japan Society of Sport Sociology* Japanese Association for Contemporary Historical Studies* Japanese Association for Northern European Studies Japanese Association of Higher Education Research** Japanese Association of the Sociolinguistic Sciences* Japanese Byron Society Japanese Educational Research Association Japanese Federation of Philosophical Societies Japanese Research Association for Community Development** Japanese Society for Historical Studies of Social Welfare** Japanese Society for Law and Psychology* Japanese Society for Physiological Psychology and Psychophysiology* Japanese Society for Science and Technology Studies* Japanese Society for the Historical Studies of Early Childhood Education and Care* Japanese Society for the Study of Nursing and Social Work* Japanese Society for the Study of Social Welfare* Japanese Society for the Study of Social Work** Kansai Sociological Association* Law Section of Association of Democratic Scientists* Manyo Society* Nagoya Rekishikagaku Kenky?ai (Nagoya Association for Historical Science) Nara Historical Society Nihon Kirisutokyo Syakaifukushi Gakkai (Japanese Society for Christian Social Welfare Studies)* Soci? 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