

My Way to Abolish the Death Penalty in Japan: UNDER 30's SPEECH COMPETITION

Final Selection: 9th November 2025 at Rissho University, Tokyo

ECPM (*Ensemble contre la peine de mort* - Together Against the Death Penalty), an international NGO, will host the Asia Regional Congress against the Death Penalty on 7th-9th November 2025 at Rissho University (Shinagawa Campus) in Tokyo. The event is co-hosted by the Center for Prisoners' Rights (CPR).

At the same time of the Congress, we will host a side event – My Way to Abolition the Death Penalty in Japan: Under 30's Speech Competition – with the aim of encouraging young people around the world to reflect on the issues surrounding

Theme: My Way to Abolish the Death Penalty in Japan - an original proposal to establish a movement to abolish the death penalty in Japan

Eligibility: High school students or older, under 30 years of age (as of October 2025). No nationality restrictions. Participants must be residents in Japan and able to attend the Tokyo venue for final selection.

How to apply: Submit a YouTube video or video message of 5 minutes or less, along with a one-page application summary (Times New Roman, 12-point, double-spaced).

Language: English

Deadline: 16th September 2025

Please submit your video via the link below:

<https://forms.gle/kcTdh652zAvRqKsr9>

Preliminary Selection: 10th October 2025 (International Day Against the Death Penalty)

Final Selection: **9th November 2025** (Final day of the Regional Conference) - Finalists will perform a speech (5 minutes or less), followed by questions from the jurors.

Award:

The Robert Badinter Best Speaker Award.

The Best Speaker will be invited to the 9th World Congress Against the Death Penalty which will be held in Paris, France in 2026. All finalists will be appointed as Youth Ambassadors on ADP with a commemorative gift.

Organisers : Center for Prisoners' Rights (CPR) and Ensemble Contre la Peine de Mort (ECPM)

Co-Organiser: Criminal Justice Future (CJF)

Supported by: Amnesty International Japan, Catholic Bishops' Conference of Japan, Christian Abolition Capital Punishment, Citizens' Committee to Abolish Capital Punishment (CCACP), Forum 90 for Ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights Aiming for Abolishment of the Death Penalty, Japanese Workers' Committee for Human Rights, Legal Culture Institute for Communal Justice (LCICJ), Keijibengo Oasis