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Guide for Foreign Journalists in Japan

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Foreword

This guide summarizes information considered useful for members of foreign press in Tokyo reporting on Japan, particularly in relation to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. We hope this information will be of some help to your journalistic activities in Japan.

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MOFA provides the following services for foreign journalists:

1. Press conference by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and other officials.
Briefings by officials.

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2. Responding to interview requests and other inquiries.

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3. Issuance of the Foreign Press Registration Card.

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MOFA Regular Press Conferences

MOFA press conferences are scheduled as outlined below. Foreign journalists are welcome to attend and ask questions (see notes).

-Speakers-

Tue: Minister for Foreign Affairs

Wed: Press Secretary

Fri: Minister for Foreign Affairs

Starting times are subject to change due to speakers' schedules.

※Foreign Press Registration Card holders will be informed of the latest schedule.

Location: Press Conference Room, MOFA (3F, South Wing)

※The location of the press conference by Foreign Minister is subject to change due to Foreign Minister's schedule.

NOTES:

- ※1 Holders of the Foreign Press Registration Card, or regular members of the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan (FCCJ) can attend the press conferences.
- ※2 Simultaneous interpretation (Japanese-English) is provided for the Foreign Minister's press conference. Press Conferences by Press Secretary are conducted in Japanese.
- ※3 Prior registration is required for the press conference by the Foreign Minister. If you wish to attend the event, please contact the International Press Division. (Guidance for the press conference is sent to holders of the Foreign Press Registration Card by e-mail.)
- ※4 Press conference by the Foreign Minister is live-streamed on MOFA's official YouTube account. (The YouTube livestream is for viewing only. You will not be able to ask questions online. For those who wish to ask questions, please register and attend the event.)

Other channels for communication and information dissemination

Press releases in English

MOFA press releases are translated into English and sent to the Foreign Press Registration Card holders by e-mail.

Press briefings

Press briefings are organized in English (and in Japanese as necessary) for foreign journalists prior to major diplomatic events such as high level visits. (Briefings are conducted either in-person or online. Details are sent to holders of the Foreign Press Registration card via e-mail.)

MOFA website

MOFA's website (<http://www.mofa.go.jp>) contain a variety of useful information, such as record of press conferences by the Minister for Foreign Affairs (video and text), outcomes of bilateral meetings, and Japan's foreign policies in relation to particular regions and issues. The MOFA website has both Japanese English pages.

Interviews and other inquiries

Requesting Interviews

To request an interview with the Foreign Minister or other MOFA officials, please contact the International Press Division.

※ Please contact individual government agencies about interview request for other Ministries' officials.

Asking for comments or briefings

To ask for comments or briefings by MOFA on individual cases related to Japan's diplomacy, please contact the International Press Division.

※ For those residing outside of Japan, please contact the Embassy of Japan in your area.

Receiving information on MOFA media opportunities

Information on MOFA media opportunities are sent to the holders of the Foreign Press Registration Card by email. For details, please contact the International Press Division.

Requesting assistance for individual reporting

The Foreign Press Center Japan (FPCJ) provides assistance for individual reporting on a broad range of issues, not limited to MOFA related events. (Please see the next page for contact information.)

Issuance of the Foreign Press Registration Card

MOFA issues the Foreign Press Registration Card to support journalists' news gathering and reporting activities organized by MOFA such as press conference and briefings. Possession of the Foreign Press Registration Card is highly recommended to facilitate your journalistic activities.

- Applications should be made to the Foreign Press Center Japan (FPCJ).
(<http://fpcj.jp/assistance/fpregcard/>)
- The card is valid for one year (unless otherwise stated on the FPCJ website). Please make sure to renew your Card before expiration.

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