

PROGRAMME

13:00-13:30	Registration
13:30-13:40	Opening Remarks Mr. Kiyoto Tsuji Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs
13:40-15:20	First Session: “Japan’s Five-year Experience in Implementing the 1980 Hague Convention and its New Challenges” Keynote Speakers “Japan’s Five-year Experience in Implementing the Hague Convention” Mr. Shuji Zushi Director, Hague Convention Division, Consular Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan “Court Proceedings for Hague Cases in Japan” Ms. Tomoko Sawamura Judge, Director, First division, Family Bureau, General Secretariat, Supreme Court of Japan “U.S.-Japan Hague Cases from the U.S. Perspective” Mr. Greg Gardner Division Chief, Office of Children’s Issues, U.S. Department of State Panel Discussion: “Future Challenges for Japan and Possible Countermeasures” Moderator Mr. Shuji Zushi Director, Hague Convention Division, Consular Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan Discussants Professor Shinichiro Hayakawa Professor of Law, Senshu University Ms. Tomoko Sawamura Judge, Director, First Division, Family Bureau, General Secretariat, Supreme Court of Japan Ms. Ai Kuroda Attorney-at-Law, Kuboi and Partners Law Office Mr. Greg Gardner Division Chief, Office of Children’s Issues, U.S. Department of State

15:20-15:40	Coffee Break
15:40-17:20	<p>Second Session: “The Way Forward”</p> <p>Keynote Speakers</p> <p>“International Child Abduction: Research on the Effects of Abduction and Reunification” Professor Marilyn Freeman, PhD, Co-Director, International Centre for Family Law Policy and Practice, and Principal Research Fellow, University of Westminster, London</p> <p>“The Future of International Family Mediation” Ms. Melissa A. Kucinski Attorney-at-Law, Mediator, MK Family Law, PLLC, Washington D.C.</p> <p>Panel Discussion: “Child-centered International Family Mediation in Asia”</p> <p>Moderator Professor Yuko Nishitani Graduate School of Law, Kyoto University</p> <p>Discussants</p> <p>Professor Marilyn Freeman, PhD Co-Director International Centre for Family Law Policy and Practice, and Principal Research Fellow, University of Westminster</p> <p>Ms. Melissa A. Kucinski Attorney, Mediator, MK Family Law, PLLC</p> <p>Mr. Fumiaki Isogae Attorney-at-Law, Kuretake Law Office</p> <p>Professor Noriko Odagiri, PhD Tokyo International University</p>
17:20-17:30	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Mr. Shuji Zushi Director, Hague Convention Division, Consular Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan</p>