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Japan: Irene Khan visit to Japan

Irene Khan, Secretary General of Amnesty International, will lead a mission to Japan to discuss human rights issues with members of the government and civil society. The mission will take place between 31 May and 4 June 2005.

Announcing the mission, Ms Khan said: "Japan can build on its interest in human security and humanitarian aid to promote human rights at home and abroad. As the UN discusses how it can be more effective, Japan has an opportunity to show real global leadership on human rights issues."

Itinerary:

31 May

Irene Khan will hold discussions with members of Japan Federation of Bar Associations.

The delegation will meet with lawyers, local NGOs, academics and experts to gain an awareness of the current human rights situation within the country.

1 June

Ms Khan will receive an honorary doctorate from Ferris University in Yokohama.

Her keynote speech will focus on women's human rights, and will highlight Amnesty International's Stop Violence Against Women Campaign.

2 June

Amnesty International's Secretary General will meet with Minister of Justice -- Chieko Noono and the President of the Japanese International Cooperation Agency -- Sadako Ogata.

The delegation has also requested meetings with other government officials, including the Prime Minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Mrs Khan will also address members of Keizai Doyukai (Japanese Association of Corporate Executives). Her speech is entitled "Are human rights your business? Why companies should care about human rights?".

She will also hold a **press conference**:

**Where: The Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan (FCCJ)
7-1 Yurakucho 1-chome,**

Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0006
Yurakucho Denki building , 20th Floor
When: 13.00
Who: Irene Khan, Secretary General, Amnesty International

3 June

Following private meetings, Irene Khan will deliver a speech at Sophia University entitled "Human rights, women and conflict. Japan's role in Asia and beyond".

In the afternoon, Ms Khan will meet Diet members. She will conclude the day with a meeting with NGOs working against the application of the death penalty.

4 June

Ms Khan will present the outcome of her visit at a **press conference**:

Where: Japanese Federation of Bar Association (JFBA)
1-1-3, Kasumigaseki,
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
When: 14:00
Who: Irene Khan, Secretary General, Amnesty International

Mission delegates:

Irene Khan, Secretary General
Purna Sen, Asia-Pacific Programme Director
Judith Arenas, External Relations Adviser to the Secretary General

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