

## **Media Advisory**

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### **Amnesty International's Secretary General to visit Japan**

*An Amnesty International delegation led by Secretary General Pierre Sané will be in Tokyo 6-8 December to discuss human rights concerns in Japan and the Asia Pacific region with government officials, political parties, the business community, trade unions and non-government organizations.*

*Human rights concerns in Japan include the application of the death penalty, torture and ill-treatment in detention, including "Landing Prevention Facilities", juvenile law revisions, and the "Daiyo Kangoku" or substitute prison system.*

*The delegation will also discuss the important role of Japan in the Asia Pacific region and the vital links between business, human rights and regional peace and stability.*

*The Secretary General will give a summary of the delegation's findings from the mission at a press luncheon organized by the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan on 8 December. Following on from the launch of the Campaign Against Torture in Tokyo in October and ahead of Human Rights Day on December 10, the Secretary General will also launch a report on the torture of children worldwide "Hidden Scandal, Secret Shame" at the press luncheon.*

*The International Secretariat delegation consists of: Secretary General Pierre Sané; Asia Pacific Program Director, Demelza Stubbings; Japan Researcher Rajiv Narayan, and Press Officer for Asia, Maya Catsanis.*

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**Press Luncheon:**

*"Human rights in Japan and Japan's role in human rights protection and promotion in Asia"*

*12:30-14:00 Friday, December 8, 2000*

*The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan (FCCJ)*

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*Reservation: Those who wish to attend the luncheon must make reservation at the reception desk (+81-(0)3-3211-3161) or online at <http://www.fccj.or.jp/events/professional.htm> The charge is 3,000 yen per person (2,000 yen per person for FCCJ Working Press Members).*

*Reservation cancelled less than 48 hours in advance will be charged in full.*

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