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Japan: Access to Narita Airport Landing Prevention Facility

Following the recent meeting of Amnesty International's Secretary General and Japan's Minister of Justice in Tokyo on December 8, Amnesty International has been granted unprecedented access to the Narita International Airport Landing Prevention Facility (LPF). Amnesty International welcomes this development and looks forward to further cooperation in the future.

Amnesty International has previously expressed concern about reports of human rights abuses in the LPF. Although Japan is a party to the Refugee Convention, it is feared that many people are deported before they even have the chance to apply for asylum.

The facility was established and funded by the immigration authorities, but is operated by private security companies. An unknown number of asylum-seekers are held there.

During the visit, the Amnesty International delegation hopes to be able to discuss its concerns with officials from the Narita Immigration Bureau.

A member of the delegation, Rajiv Narayan, Amnesty International's Researcher on Japan based at the International Secretariat in London, will be available for interview after the visit from 1pm (Japan time). Please phone mobile 070 55670638.

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