Lecture by Mr. Joo Ho-young: "The 60th Anniversary of Japan-ROK Normalization – Inconvenience and Attentiveness"

On Friday, May 9, 2025, the Ritsumeikan University Center for East Asian Peace and Cooperation Studies hosted a special lecture titled *"The 60th Anniversary of Japan-ROK Normalization – Inconvenience and Attentiveness"* by Mr. Joo Ho-young, Deputy Speaker of the Korean National Assembly and President of the Korea-Japan Parliamentarians' Union (Korean side).

This event commemorated the 60th anniversary of the normalization of diplomatic relations between Japan and South Korea in 2025. It provided an extraordinary and valuable opportunity to hear directly from Mr. Joo, a seasoned lawmaker who currently holds the most terms in office and serves as the Korean chair of the bilateral parliamentary group, on the future of Japan-Korea relations.

The lecture attracted significant attention not only from students of Ritsumeikan University but also from broader civil society and media circles. Looking back the historical trajectory of Japan-ROK relations, Mr. Joo emphasized the importance of fostering a healthier, closer, and more mutually attentive relation moving forward.

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• Event Details

Date: Friday, May 9, 2025, 15:00–16:00
Venue: Soushikan Conference Room, Kinugasa Campus, Ritsumeikan University
Organizer: Center for East Asian Peace and Cooperation Studies, Ritsumeikan University
Support: Korea Foundation (KF)

• Lecturer

Mr. Joo Ho-Young President, Korea-Japan Parliamentarians' Union Deputy Speaker, ROK National Assembly

-Former Chief Judge, Daegu District Court

-Former ROK Minister for Special Affairs

-Former ROK National Assembly Chair of Intelligence Committee and Steering committee





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