

## "Japanese Court Rulings Follow Public Opinion"

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## Attorney highlights at Japanese conference how court rulings tend to align with public opinion



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## Sentiment that "Dissolution is Unjust"

Symposium in Yamaguchi on Freedom of Religion

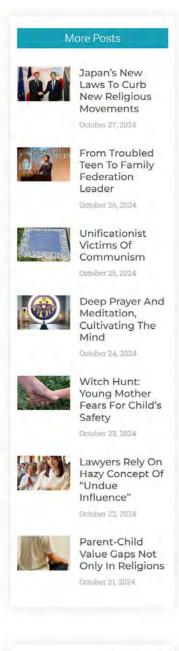


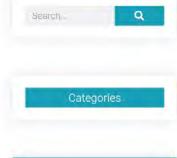
Shunsuke Uotani. Photo: FOREF

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The "Symposium to Protect Freedom of Religion in Yamaguchi
Prefecture" – hosted by the Yamaguchi Prefecture Peace Ambassador
Council – which raised questions about the dissolution order request for







the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (formerly the Unification Church), was held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024, in Yamaguchi City. Shunsuke Uotani (魚谷俊輔), Secretary General of UPF Japan, and Attorney Tatsuki Nakayama (中山達樹) gave lectures, attracting an audience of approximately 300 people.



Attorney Tatsuki Nakayama. Photo: Sekai Nippo

organized by UPF in September 2021, where former U.S. President Donald Trump and former

Japanese

Prime Minister

Shinzo Abe (安

倍晋三) sent

messages. He

"UPF is not a

organization but a UN-

explained,

religious

video

Attorney Tatsuki Nakayama emphasized that "beauty does not distort, but correctness can." He suggested that judges tend to choose rulings that align with public opinion, and encouraged attendees to help boost public sentiment that "dissolution is unjust."

Uotani referred to an international conference



Donald Trump delivering his video message 12th Sep. 2021 at Rally of Hope held in Gapyeong, South Korea. Photo: Screenshot from live transmission via PeaceLink



Shinzo Abe delivering his video message 12th Sep. 2021 at Rally of Hope held in Gapyeong, South Korea. Photo: Screenshot from live transmission via PeaceLink

affiliated NGO. The goals of UPF and former Prime Minister Abe's political principles aligned, which is why he sent a video message."

Additionally, local second-generation believers shared their personal experiences. A fourth-year male student at *Yamaguchi University*, who is involved in a community problem-solving project such as vegetable farming at the university, claimed that he was rejected by society due to his faith, stating,

"When people found out I was a second-generation member of the Family Federation, they cut ties with me."



Location of Yamaguchi. Illustration: Maximilian Dörrbecker (Chumhwa) / Wikimedia Commons. License: CC ASA 3.0 Unp

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Attorney Tatsuki
Nakayama (left) and
Shunsuke Uotani,
Secretary-General of UPF
Japan, spoke at a
symposium held in
Yamaguchi City on the
afternoon of 27<sup>th</sup> October
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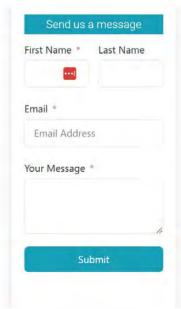
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