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ChildFund Japan

OSEC–Free from Online Sexual Exploitation of Children Submission to the Minister on 15 July

~Children and youths appealing 3 recommendations to Minister Seiko Noda~

ChildFund Japan (Tokyo, President: Jun Takahashi) will submit over 12,000 petitions and recommendation to Ms. Seiko NODA, Minister in charge of Policies Related to Children, on 15 July 2022, as part of “#NoMoreOSEC” (Online Sexual Exploitation of Children).

Event

15 July 2022 (Fri) 11:30 - 11:50 am at the Cabinet Office of the Minister in charge of Policies Related to Children for the submission of petitions and recommendations with appeal from children and youths.

■ Increasing OSEC

OSEC is increasing day by day. The National Police Agency reports that the number of children on social networking services who were involved in crimes of this nature rose up to 1,812 (2021) including 657 occurrences of child pornography. Crimes involving the forcing of children to take a selfie and to share it with a perpetrator doubled between 2012 and 2020. The criminal victimization and targeting of primary school students and “grooming” to become friends of a child for OSEC purposes are seriously increasing.

■ Children and youth submitted a petition and recommendations.

From 9 February (Safer Internet Day) and 9 May 2022, ChildFund Japan conducted an online petition to end OSEC. **Over 12,000 petitions** were received via Change.org. Recommendations to government include:



1. Reflect voices of children/youths in government policy
2. Redefine terminology of these crimes (CSAM and CSEM)
3. Delete and/or block OSEC materials more easily

University students and children who signed this petition will join the event and share their voices directly with the Minister.

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