



Seminar on Freedom of Expression & Access to Information in Mongolia

Translation: Event will conduct in Mongolian and English with simultaneous interpretation.

Time	Schedule
09:00-09:20	Opening remarks: <i>Mr. Kikuma Shigeru</i> , Vice Head, Japan Embassy in Mongolia <i>Ms. Matilda Dimovska</i> , Resident Representative, UNDP Mongolia <i>Ms. Tamir Ukhnaa</i> , Chairperson, Media Council of Mongolia
<u>Part I. Presentations</u>	
09:20-09:40	“National Policy Framework on Mass and Digital Media” <i>Mr. Bolorsaikhan Badamsambu</i> , Secretary and Director of the Committee Secretariat, National Committee for Human Rights of Mongolia / Point-of-Contact, Multi-Stakeholder Forum on Open Government Partnership
09:40-10:00	“Role of Mass Media in Democratic Societies: Raison d’être of a watch dog” <i>Mr. Sato Toshiyuki</i> , former Director-General, NHK World
10:00-10:10	Q&A session
10:10-10:30	Tea break
10:30-10:50	“The Controversial Issues on the Media-related Laws”, <i>Mr. Bat-Orshikh Sodgerel</i> , Research Fellow, Constitutional Law Institute, School of Law, National University of Mongolia
10:50-11:10	“What hampers Freedom of Expression and Access to Information: Lessons learnt from abroad” <i>Dr. Hashimoto Keiichi</i> , Senior Advisor, JICA

11:10-11:30	<p>“The Current Situation and Challenges to Press Freedom and Media ethics”</p> <p><i>Ms. Gunjidmaa Gongor</i>, Executive Director, Media Council of Mongolia</p>
11:30-11:50	Q&A session
12:00-13:00	- <i>Lunch break</i> -
13:00-13:15	<p>“Fortifying Free Speech and Countering Restrictive Draft Legislation”</p> <p><i>Dr. Bolormaa Battsogt</i>, Independent Consultant, Media Council of Mongolia</p>
13:15-13:30	<p>“Information Pollution”</p> <p><i>Ms. Zana Idrisi</i>, Information Integrity Specialist, Policy Centre for Governance, UNDP</p>
<u>Part II.</u>	
<u>Panel Discussion</u>	
13:30-15:00	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>“A Way Forward: How do we promote Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Mongolia”</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mr. Tamir Tsolmonbaatar</i>, Founder, FactCheck.mn / Chief Executive Officer, Mongolian Center for Investigative Reporters</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p><i>Ms. Gunjidmaa Gongor</i>, Executive Director, Media Council of Mongolia</p> <p><i>Ms. Borgilmaa Zagdsuren</i>, Deputy Executive Director, Confederation of Mongolian Journalists</p> <p><i>Mr. Enkhbadral Myagmar</i>, Executive Director, National Center for Comprehensive Development</p> <p><i>Ms. Lin Cao</i>, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Mongolia</p> <p><i>Mr. Sato Toshiyuki</i>, former Director-General, NHK World</p> <p><i>Dr. Hashimoto Keiichi</i>, Senior Advisor, JICA</p>
15:00-15:30	Q&A session, open discussion
15:30-15:40	<p>Closing Remarks:</p> <p><i>Mr. Tanaka Shinichi</i>, Chief Representative, JICA Mongolia Office</p>