

Dear Minister of Justice Katsutoshi Kaneda,

We call on you to:

- Not execute Matsumoto Kenji and to introduce a moratorium on executions in Japan;
- Commute Matsumoto Kenji and all other prisoners' death sentences;
- Improve the treatment of death row inmates, including an end to solitary confinement;
- Promote debate on the abolition of the death penalty in Japan.

Yours sincerely,

Matsumoto Kenji was sentenced to death in 2000 despite having an intellectual disability. Kenji has an IQ of between 60 and 70, allegedly caused by mercury poisoning.

Amnesty has grave concerns about Kenji's treatment by police. While on death row, he developed a delusional disorder which, together with his intellectual disability, has made it difficult to communicate with others, including his lawyer. **Despite this, he could be executed at any time. His family may not even be notified until after it happens.**

The death penalty is always inhumane, but executing people with mental or intellectual disabilities is particularly cruel. Join the fight to end this injustice.



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