

○ The Japan Sociological Society

**Statement on the Refusal to Appoint New Members to the 25th Term of the Science Council of Japan**

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The Board of the Japan Sociological Society

At the time of the appointment of new members to the 25th term of the Science Council of Japan, six out of the 105 candidates nominated to the Science Council of Japan were not appointed by the prime minister, and the reason for this has not been made clear. Decisions of this nature cause liberal and broad-minded research activities to atrophy, and, moreover, stifle innovation, which is based on research.

The Japan Sociological Society considers the prime minister's anomalous decision to refuse the appointments and the refusal to disclose the reason for this a violation of academic freedom and demands the immediate disclosure of the reason for the refusal to appoint the six candidates and the appointment of the six candidates as members.

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