

国連難民高等弁務官事務所 (UNHCR)の働きを覚えて —今日の世界におけるその使命と活動の実際—

◆ 2014年6月18日(水)

● 午後1時30分～午後3時00分

場所／西宮上ヶ原キャンパス
図書館ホール

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■講演内容

The presentation encompassed the following main parts:

1. UNHCR's Mandate and Mission
2. An overview of main operational activities
3. A short introduction to UNHCR's activities in Japan

With regard to the first point, UNHCR's mandate and mission, the presentation will provide a brief overview of UNHCR's operational set-up and will touch on the main groups of 'persons of concern' to UNHCR; furthermore, it will provide an overview of current refugee figures and global asylum trends. In this section, there will also be a short presentation related to the existing funding mechanism, including UNHCR's work with the private sector, as well as the challenges the office faces to adequately respond to the needs of persons coming under its mandate. Finally, there will be a presentation on the overall legal context related to UNHCR's work, including on the relevant provision of international refugee law, the legal framework related to stateless persons as well as internally displaced persons.

Related to part two of the presentation (overview of UNHCR's main operational activities), the presentation will mainly touch on key emergency operations in which UNHCR (and its partners) are currently engaged. A particular focus of this part of the presentation will be on the dramatic developments of the crisis in Syria; in this context, light will be shed on the number and the situation of refugees in the neighboring countries as well as on the situation of displaced persons inside Syria. A particular focus will also be made on the ever increasing need for international support and solidarity, both for the displaced persons as well as for refugee hosting communities. In this second part of the presentation, detailed information will also be shared with regard to the emergencies in South Sudan and the Central African Republic. In the context of these operational updates the presentation will include a reflection on the multiple challenges UNHCR (and partner agencies) are facing in their efforts to respond. Such challenges include an ever shrinking 'humanitarian space' and security related concerns and challenges.

In third and last part of the presentation the focus will be put on the main issues that are being pursued by the UNHCR office in the Japan. This encompasses, (1) activities related to the support by the Government and the people of Japan towards UNHCR's operations worldwide, (2) activities to raise awareness related to refugee related issues, and (3) activities in support of asylum seekers, refugees and stateless persons.

This part of the presentation will include a short overview of the current situation of persons of concern in Japan; it will also highlight some of the - mainly advocacy related - activities in support of the development of a comprehensive asylum system. Furthermore, information will be provided on the current state of affairs related to the resettlement of refugees to Japan and their integration in Japanese society. To complete the picture on UNHCR's work in Japan, there will be a short reference to UNHCR's efforts related to statelessness, in particular on the issue of Japan becoming a party to the Statelessness Conventions of 1954 and 1961.

■講師紹介

UNHCR職員として30年近くにわたり香港、ミャンマー、アイルランド、スリランカ、スーダン、ハンガリーなど世界各地で任務にあたる。駐日代表着任前は、ドイツ・オーストリア地域事務所地域事務所代表を務めた。2013年10月1日より現職。家族は妻と息子二人。

