

**Press Release**

**June 11, 2008**

***North Korea Kidnapped My Daughter*  
The Megumi Yokota Story**

To promote understanding between Japan and the U.S., the Center for Professional Exchange (CEPEX) is supporting Vertical Inc.'s publication of the English translation of the Yokota Megumi story, *North Korea Kidnapped My Daughter*. CEPEX chairman Yukio Tada, Vertical Inc. president Hiroki Sakai and others are collaborating to bring the Megumi story to a wider audience.

In the book, Mrs. Yokota recounts the family's ordeal since Megumi's kidnapping in 1977. Rather than political commentary, this book is a mother's account of 31 years of wondering, anxiety and hope against all odds. Mrs. Yokota's prose is captivating because of her openness and sincerity as a worried mother. The book is a moving example of one mother's devotion to the safety and well-being of her family.



During the G8 summit in Toyako, Japan, Prime Minister Fukuda gave a copy of this book to President Bush. He remarked, "The Prime Minister gave me the book of Ms. Yokota. I had the privilege of meeting her in the Oval Office. As a father of little girls, I can't imagine what it would be like to have my daughter just disappear. So, the United States will not abandon you on this issue."

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DORIS O. MATSUI  
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July 30, 2008

Dear Mr. Tada:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the book "North Korea Kidnapped My Daughter"

I'm sure it will prove an informative and interesting read as my colleagues and I work to solve the issue of abduction and other human rights violations throughout the world.

Thank you once again for your kindness. I appreciate the thought and will look forward to reading "North Korea Kidnapped My Daughter" soon. Please don't hesitate to let me know if I can be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doris Matsui".

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