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**Matsumoto Kenji**

Dear Minister,

It deeply concerns me that *Matsumoto Kenji* has been on death row for 25 years. He was born differently abled and this alone should have be reason enough not to sentence him to death.

With great respect I urge you to stop the plan to execute *Matsumoto Kenji* and to commute all death sentences into prison sentences. A death sentence is a violation of the right to life and should therefore never be passed.

Please introduce an official moratorium on executions as a first step to abolish the death penalty in Japan. Also, please, see to it that the treatment of death row inmates is improved, including an end to solitary confinement.

I urge you to promote debate on the abolition of the death penalty in Japan.

Yours sincerely,