

# **A petition to make a request to legislate same-sex marriages in Japan**

**Messrs. The Japan Federation of Bar Associations**

## **【THE CONTENTS OF THE REQUEST】**

Hereunder I request your esteemed joint association to:

1. Recommend the Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice to submit a bill to the Diet to legalize same-sex marriages.
2. Recommend the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the House of Councillors to legislate for same-sex marriages.

## **【BACKGROUND】**

Everyone has the rights to freely choose their intimate partners regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. However under the current legal system a same sex couple cannot have any of the rights and privileges a straight married couple would have. Article 14 of the supreme law provides for equality under the law thus not permitting same-sex marriages would be considered to be a violation of the article.

I strongly encourage your esteemed associations to make a recommendation to the legislature and the Executive Branch of Government to legislate for same-sex marriages, as the associations entitled to carry a mission of a vehement defence of the basic human rights to achieve social justice.

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