



# KYOTO UNIVERSITY

Asian Future Leaders Scholarship Program (AFLSP)  
Special Lecture in 2026

## Understanding Japan's Measures to Address the Declining Birthrate

**Guest Speaker**

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This lecture examines Japan's policies aimed at addressing the declining birthrate, where the number of births has been rapidly decreasing. It reviews the background, objectives, and key characteristics of these measures. It also compares Japan with European countries, where the term "measures against declining birthrate" is not commonly used, as well as with East Asian countries, which are often noted for similarities such as the high cost of education. Based on these comparisons, the lecture provides material for discussion on the direction Japan should take now with a view toward the next 15 years.

**Date: May 16th , 2026**

**Time: 13:30-16:30 (Door opens from 13:00 for registration)**

**Language: English (Japanese is also possible)**

**Venue: Room 113, Higashiichijo-kan, Kyoto University**

**Open to AFLSP/BXAI scholars, alumni, and community**

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