



The Sapporo District Court ruled for the first time in Japan on Wednesday March 17th, that not providing for same-sex marriages was unconstitutional under the Civil Code because it violates Article 14 of the Constitution stipulating all are equal under the law.

Although the plaintiff's claim for compensation was dismissed and the government won the case, the fact that the court ruled that not recognizing same-sex marriages was a violation of the Constitution was in effect a victory and a historic step for us.

At present, several plaintiffs are also suing the government for marriage equality in five other locations throughout Japan, and TRP will continue to work to support this movement.

We would like to express our unflagging respect and gratitude to all the plaintiffs of this lawsuit, to all the people involved, and to all those who have raised their voices in various ways in support.

Let us persevere in working together to realize not only marriage equality, but also bring about a Japanese society where all, including those of the LGBTQ+ community, can live safely, securely, and happily together.

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(Non-Profit Organization) Tokyo Rainbow Pride