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FCCJ Statement

Japanese Journalist Denied Entry into Hong Kong

The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan expresses its deep concern over the treatment of freelance journalist Yoshiaki Ogawa, 54, who was denied entrance into Hong Kong on June 29th for reasons that remain unclear. He was held in detention overnight and forced to return to Tokyo on June 30th.

Mr. Ogawa, who has written about Hong Kong's democracy protests, told Japanese media <https://www.asahi.com/articles/ASR6Z53XMR6ZUHBI01C.html> upon his return that Chinese authorities forced him to sign a document saying he agreed he could not enter the city, but did not give a clear reason why they were withholding permission. The FCCJ joins Reporters Without Borders https://twitter.com/RSF_en in condemning Mr. Ogawa's treatment, and the Committee to Protect Journalists <https://cpj.org/2023/06/hong-kong-denies-entry-to-japanese-journalist-yoshiaki-ogawa/> in calling upon Hong Kong authorities to provide a clear explanation for their refusal.

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