

To Whom It May Concern :

We would like to bring to your attention a prisoner sentenced to death in Japan. He is Yoshihiro Inoue, 41 years old, once a senior member of Aum Shinrikyo, a former cult group. The group caused a series of horrible cases through Japan, including a sarin gas attack which killed 13 people and injured over 6000 on a Tokyo subway in 1995. His final trial sentenced him to capital punishment in 2009.

We cannot accept this judgment because we do not believe in the death penalty. We are very sorry that Japan still condones capital punishment. In Yoshihiro's first trial, he was sentenced to life imprisonment, but in his second, he was sentenced to death even though no new criminal evidence was presented.

Yoshihiro joined Aum Shinrikyo when he was just 15 years old, and he developed a naive faith in Shoko Asahara, the founder of the fanatic cult group. Inoue was involved in several cases, but he never killed anyone by himself.

Since his arrest, Yoshihiro has expressed his deep regret at joining the group, and has confessed all the details he knows about the cases. He wishes to continue to help reveal why Aum Shinrikyo committed such outrages. Yoshihiro has offered his deepest condolences to the bereaved families and expressed heartfelt sympathy to the injured.

We are continuing to fight for him not only because we protest capital punishment but also because he is a genuine penitent who should be permitted to live and continue atoning for his sins.

We appreciate your kind understanding and ask you to help us by signing this petition requesting the commutation of Yoshihiro's death sentence to life imprisonment. Thank you very much.

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