THE PARLIAMENTARY LEAGUE FOR ARCTIC FRONTIER (October, 2013)

• Purpose
  – Initiate policy discussions on the Arctic in the Diet
  – Support Japan’s contribution in the Arctic

• Recent activities
  – Resolution of the League “Formulation of the National Policy on Arctic, and Proper Allocation of Government Resource for the Arctic Related Activities”
  – Participation in Global Agenda Council on the Arctic under World Economic Forum
    • Ms. Yoko KAMIKAWA joined GAC-Arctic in September 2014
      (Minister of Justice)
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Resolution of the League “Formulation of the National Policy on the Arctic, and Allocation of Sufficient Budget for Arctic-related Activities”

• Calls for immediate action
  – Formulation of a Comprehensive National Policy on the Arctic
  – Establishment of cabinet-level meetings on the Arctic and inter-ministerial meeting at DG level, and creating a platform for comprehensive policy on the Arctic including business leaders
  – Pushing for a better mechanism of science informing both policy leaders and general public within Japan as well as the world actors
  – Increase Japan’s participation in international conferences and workshops on the Arctic and contribute through our scientific and technological capabilities
  – Securing the allocation of government resources for the Arctic activities
GRIPS’ TASKFORCE SUPPORTING JAPAN’S ARCTIC POLICY BY BRINGING TOGETHER POLICY-MAKERS AND ACADEMICS BOTH NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) organized a workshop as one of the platform for formulating Japan’s comprehensive policy on the Arctic

• Objectives
  – Bringing a comprehensive approach to the Arctic debate with Japan’s science and technology and diplomacy
  – Provide an interdisciplinary policy analysis on the Arctic issues

• Participants
  – Senior-level scientists and researchers from both natural and social sciences
  – Senior government officials from various ministries
  – Members of Diet