## For a peaceful settlement ...

National

Government

actions

What are the government, prefecture and town doing to reach a peaceful solution?

Bringing a bilateral issue up for trial at the International Court of Justice is a way to resolve the issue peacefully but both sides to a dispute must agree to refer the issue to the court.

In 1954, 1962 and again in 2012, the Japanese government proposed to bring the Takeshima issue to the International Court Justice for trial. However, the ROK refused, stating, "No territorial issues between Japan and Korea exist."

## What is the International Court of Justice?

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) was established in 1945 in the Hague, the Netherlands, and is an important judicial organ of the United Nations. The ICJ has 15 judges who judge disputes between countries.

Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has issued a pamphlet entitled Definitive clarifications as to why Takeshima is Japan's territory! 10 points to understand the Takeshima Dispute.



Actions by Shimane Prefecture "Ordinance to establish Takeshima Day"

Exactly 100 years after Shimane Prefecture's 1905 announcement incorporating Takeshima, in 2005 Shimane Prefecture designated February 22 as "Takeshima Day."

Shimane Prefecture is promoting various programs to establish territorial rights.



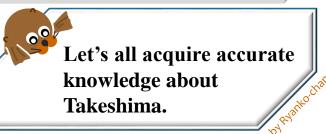
School children are learning about Takeshima.

## Actions by Okinoshima Town

The town of Okinoshima has built the Kumi Takeshima History Museum, an archiving facility for Takeshima-related documents and other materials,

to promote fact-finding surveys and verification of fishing activities in Takeshima. In addition,

it is promoting education about the area in local schools, conducting educational activities for residents, and taking other measures to pass on to later generations the facts of fishing in Takeshima.



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