

# EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY



## Commission on the Status of Women - 61st Session

Introduction: Survivors' Voice (interview video)

### Panel Discussion

- “Trapped into Pornography in Japan” by Ms. Kazuko Ito (Secretary General, Human Rights Now)
- “Child Pornography in Japan” by Professor Hiroko Goto (Chiba University School of Law)
- “Experiences from Sweden” by Mr. Per-Anders Sunesson (Ambassador at Large for Combatting Trafficking in Persons, Sweden)
- Additional speakers TBA

### Event Info

- **Date:** Thursday, March 16, 2017
- **Time:** 8:30 AM
- **Venue:** Salvation Army-Auditorium
- **Address:** 221 E. 52nd Street, New York, NY

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Please refer to our report here: <http://hrn.or.jp/eng/news/2016/11/18/report-ending-forced-appearances-in-pornographic-films/>

## Violence Against Women

Reports show that many young women are sexually exploited in the Japanese entertainment industry. The investigation conducted by Human Rights Now revealed that there have been a number of cases in which young women, after being recruited as a “model” or “idol star” and signing contracts with agents, are forced into having sex in front of the camera. Acts of resistance by the women are met with threats of exorbitant amounts of penalty fees, exposure to families and schools, and coercion into performing sex without consent to be displayed as pornographic videos on the internet. This event will highlight the situation in Japan with an interview video of survivors and an investigative report. Introducing experiences from European countries, speakers will propose comprehensive, victim-centered strategies to combat this problem. A Q&A session will follow.

