

# The Visas for life, the spirit of the UN and the commitment of the Netherlands

## 17:30~19:00(JST), Fri., June 7, 2024

Minister Plenipotentiary of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands Theo Peters will talk about the Dutch consul in Kaunas Jan Zwartendijk who during the Second World War, together with Japanese consul Chiune Sugihara, was able to rescue thousands of Jewish refugees by issuing what was become known as the Visas for life. Their motives can be extrapolated to the founding principles of the United Nations and its Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Peters will also explain the importance of the UN for the Netherlands.

### 1. Opening remarks

**Ken Aoki**

Director, Sophia Institute for Human Security

### 2. Lecture

**“The Visas for life, the spirit of the UN and the commitment of the Netherlands”**

**Theo Peters**

Minister Plenipotentiary of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands



### 3. Q&A

Venue: Room 1702, Build. #2, Yotsuya campus,  
Sophia University (Onsite only)

Language : Japanese / English

(simultaneous interpretation available)

Open to the public

Admission Free /  
Registration  
required



Photo exhibition open (from **June 7 to 24**) at foyer of building #2  
“The Curaçao Visa - Dutch Consul Zwartendijk and the hidden origins of Visas for Life”

Organizer: Sophia University

Co-organizer: Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands/ Sophia Institute for  
Human Security

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