

# Understanding through the words ‘Diversity & Japan’

Solidarity Network with Migrants Japan (SMJ)-Policy Proposal Project-Kick-off Assembly  
Special Talk by



**Hoshino Tomoyuki** (Writer)



**Miki Yukimi** (Association for  
Toyonaka Multicultural Symbiosis)

Over 2.3 million people in Japan have foreign nationalities and foreign roots. You might have seen them in media or you could be the one with foreign roots. Nevertheless, Japan is not commonly regarded as a multiracial society yet. Words such as ‘Foreigner’, ‘Immigration’ and ‘Half’ are occasionally used in this country and reflect the disintegration of people with foreign roots into Japanese society.

The event will discuss ‘Diversity & Japan’ based on personal experiences and encounters shared by two guest speakers. Hoshino Tomoyuki is a writer and Miki Yukimi works for building shelters and provides dance instruction for children and adults.

(\*Simultaneous interpretation in English will be provided during the talk.)

Time: **2017 May 13** (SAT) 2:00pm-4:30pm (Door opens at 1:30pm)

Place: **Meiji University Global Hall**

Tokyo Surukadai Campus Global Front 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

(3min walk from Ochanomizu Sta., 5min walk from Shinochanomizu Sta. or Jimbocho Sta.)

Entry Free:

General: 1000YEN

SMJ member and student: 500YEN

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## Hoshino Tomoyuki

Hoshino was born in Los Angeles, USA in 1965. After graduating from Waseda University with a degree in literature, Hoshino worked as journalist for 2.5 years and studied in Mexico for 2 years. He published his first novel *The Last Gasp* in 1997, for which he was awarded the Bungei Prize. His second novel *The Mermaid Sings Wake up* in 2000 won Yukio Mishima Prize. He won the Noma Literary New Face Prize for *Fantasista* in 2003 and his other work include *Ore Ore* (Kenzaburo Oe Prize, 2011), etc.

## Miki Yukimi

Born in Osaka to Filipino and Japanese parents, Miki Yukimi got her name registered for the first time when she became 6. She has worked as a volunteer at the Association for Toyonaka Multicultural Symbiosis (ATOMS) since 2009 and opened a dance class at Osaka City Elementary school and ATOMS for children and adults. As a staff member of the association since 2016, Yukimi has been actively supporting children with foreign roots and giving talks across the country.

## SMJ Policy Proposal Project

As a national network to strengthen solidarity with immigrants, SMJ connects organizations and individuals that support foreign immigrants across the nation. In 2006 and 2009 SMJ called for policy proposals to establish a fundamental immigration policy (SMJ 'Into a Multiracial and Multicultural Symbiotic Society: NGO Policy Proposal <Revised Edition 2009>'. In 2017 SMJ initiated a policy proposal project in response to changes in current situations, making new policy recommendations on immigration policy. The event will be held as a kick-off meeting.

## Meiji University Global Hall (Tokyo Surukadai Campus, Global Front 1<sup>st</sup> fl)

- **Ochanomizu Sta.** JR Chuo/Sobu Line and Subway Marunouchi Line + 3 min walk to campus

- **Shin-Ochanomizu Sta.** Subway Chiyoda Line + 5 min walk to campus

- **Jimbocho Sta.** Subway Mita, Shinjuku, and Hanzomon Lines + 5 min walk to campus

