## The 36th IPC seminar Informal online conversation with a former JICA expert to Palestine



## Guest: Megumi Takimoto, former JICA expert (cultural heritage advisor) in Palestine

For two years until March 2024, she managed a technical assistance project for the Palestinian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities to manage their heritage sites, notably Hisham's Palace in Jericho, the West Bank. The work circumstances obligated her to travel back and forth between Jerusalem and the West Bank on a daily basis during a particularly intense and difficult time in the Holy Land. This experience overwhelmed her but inevitably gave her unique insights on peace, justice, and human rights.

Providing some information to grasp the situation in advance, we would like to focus not on updating the latest events but on considering together what it is like to be in the region.

Prior to taking the JICA mission, Megumi worked at a cultural heritage consultancy firm and helped some Japanese local governments prepare World Heritage nominations. She previously worked at UNESCO World Heritage Centre, Paris. She holds BA in international relations from International Christian University, Tokyo, and MA in Cultural Heritage Studies from University College London, UK. Megumi is currently an adjunct lecturer at the University of the Sacred Heart, Tokyo.

## Date: 19 July, Friday, 4:00-5:30 pm Venue: Small Conference Room, IDEC Building (or Microsoft Teams)



<u>Please make sure to register.</u> <u>We will provide audiovisual & reading materials through your registered email.</u>

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