Symposium "Human Rights in the Digital Sphere"

On 18 October, we co-hosted a symposium on "Human Rights in the Digital Sphere" with the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe DG Human Rights and Rule of Law, the Consulate General of the United States of America, and the René Cassin Foundation.

16 experts from all of Europe, as well as Japan and the U.S., gathered to discuss issues regarding human rights and digital technology, joined by 11 judges of the European Court of Human Rights. The hybrid format enabled over 500 audiences from more than 70 countries to participate in the discussion virtually.

The symposium consisted of three parts: Panel 1 Freedom of expression vs Content moderation, Panel 2 Human rights and Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems, Panel 3 Cyber vulnerability in our daily life. In each session, lively roundtable discussions followed introductory and advanced presentations providing basic information. Every panelist stressed the importance of the underlying principles: human rights, democracy and rule of law, but showed a variety of approaches to tackle the issues, reflecting the sensitive balance between human rights and brand-new technologies.

Japan will continue to cooperate with the Council of Europe and its member states, sharing the fundamental values on which we stand.

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