SATOYAMA EXPERIENCE will not condone commercial or sexual exploitation or harassment, especially of children or minors, under any circumstances.

### Sexual Exploitation: What you Need to Know

Facts in Japan:

The continued practice of 'enjo kosai' (compensated dating) and the existence of websites for online dating, social networking, and "delivery health" (a euphemism for call-girl or escort service) facilitate the exploitation of children through prostitution and other commercial sex industries.

Virtual child pornography (mostly in the form of manga or anime) is widely available in Japanese stories, generally without age restriction. There are no nationwide legal restrictions on who can purchase it.

## ECPAT/STOP Japan: https://ecpat.org/country/japan/

# What Actions Can Travellers Take?

Travellers should avoid participation in compensated dating and the use of websites which may facilitate the exploitation of children. They should also avoid the purchase of reading material containing virtual child pornography.

More generally, travellers should follow the guidelines laid out in "The Code", an initiative aiming to support the travel and tourism industry in the prevention of sexual exploitation of children.

## **@**YES**@**

- ✓ Report child abuse immediately.
- ✓ Choose travel and tourism companies that implement child protection standards, such as members of The Code.
- ✓ Do your research before volunteering abroad, especially with children.
- $\checkmark$  Seek out alternatives to giving money to children begging or selling things on the street.

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- $\times$  Don't engage in sexual activity with anyone under 18 years of age.
- $\times\, \rm Don't$  visit or volunteer in orphanages or residential care facilities.
- $\times$  Avoid giving gifts directly to children or taking them anywhere alone.

%The Code (short for The Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual



*Exploitation in Travel and Tourism*) is a multi-stakeholder initiative with the mission to provide awareness, tools and support to the travel and tourism industry to prevent the sexual exploitation of children.

The Code: https://thecode.org/

In Japan, the government is cracking down on people trafficking, including sexual exploitation. Those convicted of such crimes will be sentenced to up to 10 years in prison, or have to pay a fine.

If you see or suspect that such crimes are being committed, please report it to the police immediately.



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