

**The Sasakawa Peace Foundation Presents
Lecture Series on Political Change in the Middle East No. 12
“The Egyptian Situation: The Policies of the Muslim Brotherhood”**

Tokyo, March 26, 2013 - In order to keep abreast of the rapidly changing political situation in the Islamic Middle East, the Sasakawa Peace Foundation is currently conducting a lecture series on political movements in the region. For this, the 12th lecture, Dr. Farid Ismail, a member of the high committee of the Freedom and Justice Party and the Muslim Brotherhood's shura committee, is invited to speak on the subject of 'The Egyptian Situation: The Policies of the Muslim Brotherhood'.

Date: April 8, 2013 (Monday) 16:00-17:30

Venue: Conference Room, 2nd floor, Nippon Foundation Bldg.
(1-2-2, Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo)
Access: 5 min. walk from Toranomon Sta. and Tameike-sanno Sta.
Map: <http://www.spf.org/e/profile/access.html>

Speaker: **Dr. Farid Ismail**, Member of the high committee of the Freedom and Justice Party and the Muslim Brotherhood's shura committee

Moderator: **Dr. Takayuki Yokota**, Associate Professor of College of International Relations, Nihon University

Language: English/Japanese, with simultaneous interpretation

Admission and Registration: Admission is free. Advance registration is required. Please register online by Friday, April 5, 2013. (http://www.spf.org/smeif/news/article_8807.html).

Dr. Farid Ismail, a member of the upper ranks of the Muslim Brotherhood, was elected in the public parliamentary elections held in 2005 as part of a growing democratic movement, and served as a parliamentarian up to 2010.

Since 2011, when the wave of the Arab Spring reached Egypt and the Muslim Brotherhood formed the Freedom and Justice Party in a coalition with other influential parties in the country, Dr. Ismail has been active as an executive member of the political party. In June 2012, he was elected as a member of the Constituent Assembly to be engaged in the creation of Egypt's new constitution.

The Muslim Brotherhood is exerting a powerful effect on the new system in Egypt following the Arab Spring although there have been frequent protests against President Morsi's drive to increase presidential power since the end of 2012.

This will be a valuable opportunity to hear directly from a member of the upper ranks of the Muslim Brotherhood. We hope you will join us at what promises to be a highly informative and entertaining event.

Lecture Series on Political Change in the Middle East : In order to keep up with the drastic change in the region, we invite experts and journalists from around the world to hold lectures on politics, international relations and security and analyze the situation in the Middle East from a global perspective.

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