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### **Japanese Drug Education Initiative Reaches Milestone**

*Church of Scientology supports drug education initiative that has reached more than 50,000 through drug education lectures*

The volunteers of the drug education and prevention initiative supported by the Church of Scientology of Tokyo have just accomplished a milestone: They have now reached 50,000 people with drug education.

Youth, educators, law enforcement officers and concerned community leaders have attended these lectures based on The Truth About Drugs curriculum. Many of these are conducted in local high schools and junior high schools.

[According to the National Police Agency of Japan](#), the most widely abused drugs in Japan are stimulants, with crystal methamphetamine the primary drug abused. Methamphetamine offenders accounted for 86.1 percent of all drug offenders arrested by the Japanese police in 2011. The Truth About Drugs initiative provides extensive information about this drug including a booklet, a public service announcement and a segment of *The*

*Truth About Drugs Real People—Real Stories* documentary, which features extensive interviews of former crystal meth addicts.

Scientists on five continents work in their communities throughout the year to empower others with the facts about drugs. The Church and its members are dedicated to eradicating drug abuse through education.

The Church of Scientology supports The Truth About Drugs initiative, one of the world's largest nongovernmental drug education and prevention campaigns.

It has been conclusively proven that when young people are provided with the truth about drugs—factual information on what drugs are and what they do—usage rates drop commensurately.

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The Church of Scientology has published a brochure, *Scientology: How We Help—The Truth About Drugs, Creating a Drug-Free World*, to meet requests for more information about the drug education and prevention initiative it supports. To learn more or read the brochure, visit the [Scientology website](#).

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*Scientology Founder L. Ron Hubbard wrote, "The planet has hit a barrier which prevents any widespread social progress—drugs and other biochemical substances. These can put people into a condition which not only prohibits and destroys physical health but which can prevent any stable advancement in mental or spiritual well-being."*



Drug abuse prevention lecture at Haijima High School in Tokyo conducted as part of the drug education and prevention initiative the Church of Scientology supports.



Drug education lecture conducted at Sheishin Daini Junior High School as part of the drug education initiative the Church of Scientology of Tokyo supports.



Volunteers from the Church of Scientology distribute The Truth About Drugs booklets on the streets of Tokyo and other cities in Japan to raise awareness of the harmful effects of drugs