

The report for the course examination of “Law and Public Policy” on June 26, 2013

As you know, the goal of this class is to learn and think how to realize public policies via laws in Japan. More concretely saying, the aim is to have enough abilities in analyzing and making a presentation about solving strategies to public issues we face.

The report which I am asking you is related with this goal. I want to evaluate your improvement in analyzing and explaining about solving strategies to public issues not by the exam but this report. Here, I will explain to you about the requirement of this report.

Background

You are an associate at a global think-tank, C&S, and selected as a supporting team for the Cabinet Secretariat of Japan on ICT. To contribute the team or working experiences with the Japanese government has been very honorable as C&S senior fellow (like at the Brookings Institution), because it is one of the important steps to be senior fellow. For the contribution, you must prepare for a concise memo in English (maximum 5 pages by single space), which explains to the staffs for the Cabinet Secretariat about features of Japanese policy in data privacy (protection of personal information) and information use.

Detailed requirements

The memo must include some comparisons between Japan and one of the other countries (your home country is preferred as the comparative analysis but please choose another county, if such comparison is impractical or impossible). You need to explain what are important laws with protection of personal information, summarize the legal schemes for protection of personal information, find features of Japanese policy on protection of personal information, and then make recommendations if any based on your analysis with simple time schedules for your suggesting reforms. If you cannot make any recommendation, please use the Supreme Court of Japan’s judgment (Date of the judgment was on Mar. 6, 2008 and Case number is “2007 (O) No. 403, 2007 (Ju) No. 454”) for your thinking. The case is very informative for better understanding one of the important laws on protection of personal information.

Your analysis can include any insights, but please remind that the Cabinet Secretariat seeks how to promote data use with proper privacy protection. For example, if you are more interested in local level’s challenges, you can deal with issues with local ordinances. Then, if you think the latest discussions, surely you can mention about it.

You must add comparative analysis by your best effort and may use any resources. However, in any case, you must include citations for the used resources. Also, please remember the prohibited conducts: consultation with other students, sharing any resources, writing together. You shall do by yourself.

The volume of your memo must be less than 6 pages in A4 (5 pages are maximum for the length).

The deadline to hand in is noon on July 31, 2013. By the deadline, you must send your memo to chiakist@pp.u-tokyo.ac.jp and chiakist8@gmail.com

Evaluating points

There are mainly three points. First is whether the memo is based on your effort to summarize relative laws on personal information protection correctly. Second is whether you can make a structured memo, in other words, memo by paragraph writing styles. Third is whether you can show one of the features of Japanese law and policy on protection of personal information and recommendations or opinions with persuasive explanations as clear as possible.