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Today's court ruling to reopen the HAKAMADA case

To whom it may concern:

Today, the Shizuoka District Court of Japan rendered a ruling to commence a new trial and reopen the case of Mr. Iwao HAKAMADA.

We, the Japan Pro Boxing Association, are very pleased to hear the news since we have supported him, an ex-pro boxer, for a long time.

However, he is still in detention. We hereby strongly request the public prosecutor to waive the right to appeal to the above ruling and, furthermore, to free Mr. HAKAMADA immediately after his 47-year detention.

Sincerely yours,

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