

# MANA HIRAMATSU

**Executive Director Mission Japan**  
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Mana Hiramatsu is working towards her Bachelor's degree in Political Science and International Development Studies at York University. Growing up in Nagasaki, Japan, Mana has had numerous opportunities to interact with war victims and learn how these conflicts affect people for generations. This experience heightened her interest in human rights violations and passion to study global issues, which lead her to the multicultural city of Toronto to pursue her education.

Mana strongly believes that public awareness is the first step in preventing human rights violations. Therefore, she is vocal whenever given the opportunity and has been awarded by the United Nations along with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan for her speech on generating public awareness on the injustice of unfair trade, in respect to the rights of the workers, that is so widespread across the current economic landscape.

Mana's commitment to defend human rights has encouraged her to be part of CHRIO. She works as a counselor at the Canadian Human Rights International Organization, providing assistance to refugees, immigrants and others who need help from human rights violations.

This experience has provided Mana with an unparalleled first-hand opportunity to hear the voices of those in need and further her conviction to not just stand by but to take action whenever possible, however possible.

As CHRIO's Japanese Director and Goodwill Ambassador, she is responsible for generating public awareness and understanding of issues related to human rights and to inspire positive approaches and actions towards the protection of human rights in both Japan and Canada.