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## Japan's IWC commissioner disproved unscientific article by anti-whaling scientists on journal Nature

Mr. Joji Morishita, Japan's commissioner to the International Whaling Commission, disproved the article "Whaling permits: Japan's whaling is unscientific," contributed by two scientists last January on the same science journal Nature issued on March 3, 2016.

Mr. Morishita points out that peer review of Japan's new research proposal called "NEWREP-A" gave the scientific rationale for lethal sampling. Also, he suggests that the International Court of Justice recognized non-lethal methods cannot obtain certain types of data in its 2014 ruling.

Mr. Morishita concludes that Japan is always willing to answer questions on its research program and looking forward to constructive scientific discussion at the upcoming IWC Scientific Committee's meeting held in June.

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