Two years have passed since the Sapporo District Court first ruled that a ban on same-sex marriage was unconstitutional. Subsequently, Osaka and Tokyo ruled that the ban was constitutional and quasi-unconstitutional, respectively. What impact will these rulings have on future same-sex marriage litigation? What is the position of the political branch? We will examine these questions along with how same-sex marriage lawsuits are perceived in Japanese society.

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*A light lunch will be served.*