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NCPG Promotes Responsible Gaming & Problem Gambling Recovery in Japan

Executive Director Keynoting Forums on Gambling Disorder in Tokyo and Osaka as Japan Prepares to Launch Integrated Resort Casinos

The National Council on Problem Gambling has been asked to share information and resources on problem gambling and responsible gaming as Japan prepares to launch Integrated Resort (IR) casinos. NCPG executive director Keith Whyte will be speaking at the Gambling Disorder Forum in Tokyo on May 13 and Osaka on May 14. The events are sponsored by the Oneness Group, an addiction treatment center in Japan. While in Japan Mr. Whyte will also participate in a number of meetings with government officials, gaming executives, non-government organizations, recovering gamblers and other stakeholders. Whyte said "I am pleased to be able to share our experience as the world's oldest NGO on problem gambling issues. We know from recent studies that as many as 5.3 million adults meet criteria for gambling problems in Japan, yet as in the United States few seek help due to the stigma and shame. I hope we can help raise awareness of problem gambling and provide hope and help for problem gamblers, their families and communities." Whyte added "Our position of neutrality on legalized gambling enables us to work with everyone, including gaming companies, to develop responsible gaming solutions. Japan has the opportunity to become a world leader in responsible gaming by investing in research and development. Integrated Resorts should be accompanied by Integrated Responsible Gaming policies and programs that build upon existing best practices from around the world."

For more information on the Oneness Center and the Gambling Disorder Forum
http://www.oneness-g.com/gambling_forum/

About the National Council on Problem Gambling

The NCPG is a non-profit advocate for programs to help problem gamblers and their families. NCPG is neutral on legalized gambling and leads state and national stakeholders in the development of comprehensive policy and programs for all those affected by problem gambling. Their vision is to improve health and wellness by reducing the personal, social and economic costs of problem gambling.