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Mikiko Otani is a member and a former Chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. She is an international human rights lawyer and a practicing lawyer of family law in Japan for over 30 years, with a focus on women's and children's rights. She is a Commissioner and a Member of the Executive Committee of the International Commission of Jurists, a Member of the Executive Council of the Asian Society of International Law, and the former Chair of the Committee on International Human Rights of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations. The areas of her focus include human rights education, child participation, girl child, human trafficking, migrant children, children and armed conflict, and access to justice for children. Ms. Otani was admitted to Tokyo Bar Association in 1990. She holds Bachelor of Law from Sophia University in Tokyo, Master of International and Public Affairs from Columbia University in New York, Master of Law from University of Tokyo and Doctor of Law from Aoyama Gakuin University.