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Participation in ICC for Vietnam Being Carefully Checked into by Government

The Government has begun to check carefully into the problem of Japan's participation in the "International Control Commission" which has come into the limelight amid the moves toward Vietnam peace.

A Foreign Ministry source, though saying that "The Control Commission requires a considerable number of those who have military techniques, and therefore, SDF personnel will be dispatched, but if they are to be resident in a foreign country, there will be a problem under domestic laws, that is, revision of the SDF Law," has raised a question as follows: "If Japan does not touch upon the actual phase, while hoping for Vietnam peace, that will not be very satisfactory as an international position, will it?"

Even within the Foreign Ministry, the observation has appeared wondering whether "Japan can decline, in case its participation is called for."

At any rate, the Government has started research with an extremely prudent attitude, including the dispatch of the SDF overseas and the points at issue under domestic laws, on the assumption that there will be a case when a concrete request will be made in the future.

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