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Yasuomi Sawa is a Professor at the Department of Journalism of Senshu University. He teaches journalism practice and principles after his thirty-year journalistic career at Kyodo News, Japan's leading news agency. An investigative journalist, his recent work includes stories of sex exploitation of teenage girls, revelation of the government's failure to track the school enrolment of more than 10,000 immigrant children and extreme crowding in public shelters for abused children. He also revealed massive disposal of court records of Japan's landmark civil cases by courts across the country. He has covered the United Nations as Kyodo's correspondent and was an Executive Board member of United Nations Correspondents Association (UNCA). He participated in ICIJ's Panama Papers and Paradise Papers investigations. Sawa is also a founder and Executive Director of J-Forum, or Journalism Practitioners' Forum of Japan, which has been organising training workshops and conferences for better skills and solidarity building of journalists in Japan since 2010. Sawa researched British journalism at the Reuters Institute of Study of Journalism at Oxford University. He is the author of 'Global Journalism: Backstories of cross-border investigative reporting', 'Humanising the News: British Way of Crime Coverage'.