

International Women's Year Liaison Group

(Composed of 35 National Women's Organizations)

THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S COMMITTEE OF THE UN NGOS

Japan Women's Bar Association

Japan Federation of Women's Organizations <FUDANREN>

Japanese Nursing Association

Zenkoku Tomo-no-kai

Japan Network of Education Field Promoting Gender Equality

New Japan Women's Association

Gender Equality and Diversity Division Department of Policy, Japanese

Trade Union Confederation

Young Women's Christian Association of Japan

Japanese Mothers Congress

Japan Women's Council

National Federation of Regional Women's Organizations

Japanese Association of University Women

Pan-Pacific and Southeast Asia Women's Association of Japan

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, JAPAN Section

National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs of Japan

Japanese Consumers' Co-operative Union <JCCU>

KYOFUKAI-Japan Christian Women's Organization

Japan Association for Women's Education

Japan Medical Women's Association

Japanese Association of Women's Counselor

The National Catholic Women's League of Japan

The Society of Japanese Women Scientists

Femin Women's Democratic Club

Women's Democratic Club <FUMIN>

Japan Women Tax Accountants' Federation

The Organization of Educational Scholars of Home Economy

Women's Council, National Federation of Merchant and Industrialist's Organizations

Women's Committee, National Confederation of Trade Unions <ZENROREN>

GE21 <Gender Equality 21>

Women's Department of Japan Lawyers Association for Freedom

Tokyo Sub-Committee of Japan National Committee for UN Women

The Liaison Council of Women's Organizations of Anglican Church in Japan

Professional Women's Coalition for Sexuality and Health in Japan

Seminar on "Comfort Women" Issue and Gender Equality

International Women's Year Liaison Group (IWYLG) was founded in 1975, the UN International Women's Year, to attain the UN resolution promoting "Equality, Development and Peace."

The Structure of IWYLG consists of Annual Meetings and Assembly of the Whole, which decide foundational issues; Standing Committee, which organizes and coordinates various plans and activities of 8 committees; and 8 committees with different fields of interest. The Standing Committee is represented by liaison members of affiliate organizations and its day-to-day management is left to convenors, secretary general and committee chairs. Members of affiliate organizations are welcome to participate in any of the 8 committees which are: Policy-Making and Participation, Labor, Family and Welfare, Education and Mass Media, Environment, Peace, the Constitution, and International Relations and Development.

Why not Join us to promote
"Equality, Development and Peace" for all!

To join us: we ask non-government organizations to have nationwide membership, with responsible person(s) in charge, and appropriate by-laws, and are willing to select at least one coordinator to participate in the Standing Committee.

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Equality, Development and Peace

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IWYLG plans and pursues practical goals
to achieve the Advancement of Women
and
to build Gender Equal Society.

2020

As our main Activity, we present our concerns as statements and announcements to the UN organizations, the Diet, the national and local governments, political parties, business corporations and other relevant entities as well as to the public.

As an NGO with Special Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), we can apply and have had UN passes to attend various meetings of ECOSOC and others as observers to active members.

Each year, together with other NGOs, we organize side events at UN Commission on the Status of Women on issues dear to our heart.



CSW63 Side event



Movement for peace at Ochanomizu St.

IWYLG will be hosting the 2020 Japan NGO Women's Conference

Since 1975, the International Women's Year, IWYLG has hosted Japan NGO Women's Conferences every five years. At every conference we have set our specific goals and tasks to improve the status of women to accomplish these targets. "We Will Not Be Silenced --- Women's Rights Should Meet the International Standard" is the theme of the 20th quinquennial conference.



Key Note Speaker: Yoko HAYASHI, Attorney at Law, former Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

Panelists to Discussion

Sakura UCHIKOSHI, the Member of the House of Councilors Japan, Attorney at Law
Haruo ASAI, Professor Emeritus Rikkyo University, Representative Secretary of Education and Research Council on "Human Beings and Sexuality"
Minori KITAHARA, Representative of Love Piece Club, Author

The 2020 Conference will be held on 8 November 2020 at Kamijo Memorial Hall, Showa University. Any one interest will welcomed. Please contact us for the detailed flyers.

We have organized seminars and workshops inviting prominent specialists as our speakers. These meetings are open to all members of affiliate organizations. Followings are some of the seminars held between July 2019 and March 2020

- Amending the Sexual Offences Section of the Criminal Code Again --- Listening to the Reality of the Victims
- How to Evaluate the Results of the 2019 Election of the House of Councilors --- From the Viewpoints of the Constitution

and Gender Equality

- Let's Learn and Use the United Nations CEDAW and Optional Protocol --- Why Japan Has Not ratified the Optional Protocol
- What is Happening to the Higher Education --- The Education Policy and Gender
- Study of Climate Change and "Environment and Sustainable Society"
- The Obstacle to the Promotion of Peace and Gender Equality --- What is Nihon Kaigi, the Influence Behind Abe Administration
- Certificates of Partnership from Local Authorities and the Possibilities toward Same-sex Marriage.
- The ILO Convention on "Eliminating Violence and Harassment in the World of Work" and the Challenges at our Workplaces

Our History, Our Roles

To commemorate the International Women's Year, 41 women's non-governmental organizations with nationwide membership gathered together and organized the first "Japan Conference of International Women's Year" in November 1975. To realize resolutions promulgated at the conference, ICHIKAWA Fusae became the first convenor to the Liaison Group to Realize the Resolutions of the 1975 Japan Conference whose name was later shortened to IWYLG.

Since then, IWYLG lobbied quite effectively the past prime ministers to promote gender equal policies and to establish national machinery to accomplish the goal. This lead to the enactment of the Gender Equal Society Basic Law of 1999, establishment of Gender Equality Bureau of Cabinet Office, and quinquennial review of the Basic Plans for Gender Equality.

In 1998, UN recognized the IWYLG as an NGO with Special Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). IWYLG also participated in 2000 World Conference on Women and 2005 Beijing +10 Conference as part of the Government Delegates.

