



International Women's Day Event

Inspiring Equal and Inclusive Participation of Women in Political Decision-Making – Crossed Perspectives from Europe and Japan

Date: Tuesday, 5 March 2024 Time: 16:30 – 18:20

Venue: International Conference Room, First Members' Office Building of the House of Representatives (Online and Face-to-Face)

Organizer: EU Delegation to Japan

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Program	
16:30	Opening MC: Ms. Kaoru Nemoto, Director, United Nations Information Centre, Tokyo
	MINISTERS' OPENING MESSAGES (EU & JAPAN)
	Ms. Helena Dalli, EU Commissioner for Equality (Video)
	Ms. Ayuko Kato, State Minister on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment of Japan (Video)
	Panel Discussion

	Women's Equal Participation in Politics – Japan and EU
16:45	<p>1st SESSION Quota for Diverse Representation</p> <p>Key Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. How does the Quota system contribute to the number of women in politics? II. How does the Quota system change the face of politics, and influence the inclusiveness? <p>Moderator: Dr. Sawako Shirahase Senior Vice-Rector, United Nations University, Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations, Chair of the GEAC 2023</p>
	<p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Masaharu Nakagawa, Member of the House of Representatives, Chairman of the Cross-Party Parliamentary League to Promote Women's Political Participation and Advancement (Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan) ▪ H.E. Mr. Antoine Evrard, Ambassador of Belgium to Japan ▪ Ms. Silvana Koch-Mehrin, President and Founder of Women Political Leaders (WPL), Former Vice President of the European Parliament ▪ Dr. Hiroko Akizuki, Prof. Asia University, Vice-Chair, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) ▪ Dr. Mari Miura, Prof. Sophia University, Advisor of the Association to Promote Gender Quotas, Co-Representative of the Academy for Gender Parity ▪ Dr. Biljana Kotevska, Gender Equality Expert at the “EU for Rule of Law” project in North Macedonia/Co-author of the European Equality Law Network’s report on “Promotion of gender balance in political decision-making”
17:30	<p>2nd SESSION Changing Landscape in Politics – Japan and EU</p> <p>Key Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. How can we encourage greater women's representation at the local assembly level? II. What can be done to encourage a gender-inclusive environment in politics? <p>Moderator: Ms. Kaoru Nemoto Director, United Nations Information Centre, Tokyo</p>
	<p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Karen Makishima, Member of the House of Representatives, Secretary General, Project Team for the Implementation of the Basic Plan for the Fostering and Promotion of Female Council Members, Liberal Democratic Party

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Krista Kiuru, Former Minister of Family Affairs and Social Services, Finland, Member of the Parliament of Finland, Chair of the Social Affairs and Health Committee ▪ H.E.Dr. Clemens von Goetze, Ambassador of Germany to Japan ▪ Ms. Taeko Koiso, Former Member of Chigasaki City Assembly, Former co-Representative of the Alliance of Feminist Representatives ▪ Ms. Mari Hamada, Representative, Stand by Women, Co-Representative, Harassment Consultation Centre for Women in Politics
18:15	CLOSING REMARKS H.E.Mr. Jean-Eric Paquet , Ambassador of the European Union to Japan
18:20	Closing (MC)

18:20-18:30 Photo Session

RECEPTION	
18:30	MC: Ms. Kaoru Nemoto , Director, United Nations Information Centre, Tokyo
	Opening Remarks + Toast Mr. Masaharu Nakagawa , Member of the House of Representatives, Chairman of the Cross-Party Parliamentary League to Promote Women's Political Participation and Advancement (Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan)
19:30	End of Reception (MC)