

## 11. International Collaboration / Cooperation

Promotion of formation of a Gender-equal Society is closely related to efforts by the international community. The Basic Law for a Gender-equal Society upholds international Cooperation as one of the basic principles for the formation of a gender-equal society.

### Collaboration with the United Nations and Other International Organizations

Efforts are being made to incorporate international standards and criteria as well as guideline for initiatives, for the advancement of the status of women, in domestic initiatives, such as the provisions of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and discussion at the UN Commission on the Status of Women.

Japan submitted the Sixth Periodic Report on the Implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women to the United Nations in 2008.

### International Cooperation

- **The East Asia Gender Equality Ministerial Meeting**

The first East Asia Gender Equality Ministerial Meeting was convened in Tokyo in 2006. The second meeting was held in New Delhi (India) in 2007.

- **PR activity**

To introduce initiatives being undertaken in Japan for gender equality, the Cabinet Office produces information brochures and other publications in English, which are distributed to the governments of foreign countries and international organizations.

- **Bilateral cooperation**

The Cabinet Office invites intellectuals from abroad and organizes seminars. In addition, the Cabinet Office provides intellectual assistance to national machineries for promoting gender equality of developing countries, such as accepting officials of these machineries for training in Japan and sending machineries, in collaboration with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Japanese experts to these