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4-1 Japan Women's Conference 2005 Fukui

On October 7 and 8, 2005, "Japan Women's Conference 2005 Fukui" was held in Fukui City, Fukui Prefecture. The theme was "Women and Men Create a Brilliant Future: Let's Talk Together at the Phoenix Homeland."

On the first day of the event, the conference had a keynote speech, symposium, and a social meeting. On the second day, section meetings of twelve themes as well as memorial lectures were held. At the end of the conference, participants declared the following:

"We will make efforts to create a better society where both women and men mutually recognize and support each other as equal partners and accept the individual qualities of each."

"We will make further actions aiming to respect diversified lifestyles with each other, create an environment full of dreams and hopes, and act as bridges for the next generation."

Through diverse discussions, the two-day conference revealed the need to accelerate the realization of a gender-equal society.



Keynote speech at "Japan Women's Conference 2005 Fukui"

4-2 2005 NGO Japan Women's Convention

The International Women's Year Liaison Group, which is affiliated nationwide with women's groups in many areas, held the 6th convention at Chiyoda-ku Kokaido, Tokyo, on November 26, celebrating the liaison group's 30th anniversary.



2005 NGO Japan Women's Convention

The convention began with a statement from Prof. Kuniko Inoguchi, Minister of State for Gender Equality and Social Affairs and a memorial speech ("Women's Responsibilities in the International Community: Toward Peace and Gender Equality") by Dr. Kyung-wha Kang, Chairperson of the UN CSW (Commission on the Status of Women)'s 48th & 49th session. Participants listened to reports on NGO activities, watched a slide presentation on the history of NGO's efforts and attended a forum entitled "Creating a Gender-equal Society." Then, chairpersons of the six committees announced the goals of activities for 2005-2010. Lastly, the assembly adopted the "2005 NGO Japan Women's Convention Resolution", "Special Resolution on Drastic Revision of Equal Employment Opportunity Law and Enactment of Employment Equality Law," "Special Resolution on Adherence to Existing Constitution Stipulating Respect for Peace and Human Rights," and "Declaration of 2005 NGO Japan Women's Convention on Gender Equality and Creation of Gender-Equal Society." Participants reiterated their determination to achieve gender equality.