

MILESTONES IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN SINCE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR

		United Nations	Japan
Proclamation of the United Nations Decade for Women (1976-1985) by the General Assembly	1975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of International Women's Year by the General Assembly (Goals: Equality, Development and Peace) The World Conference of the International Women's Year (Mexico City) Adoption of the World Plan of Action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of the Headquarters for the Planning and Promoting of Policies Relating to Women Convening of the Council on Planning/Promoting Women's Issues
	1977		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formulation of the National Plan of Action
	1979	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 34th Session of the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women 	
	1980	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women (Copenhagen) Adoption of the Program of Action for the second half of the United Nations Decade for Women 	
	1981		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formulation of the Priority Targets for the Second Half of the Period Covered by the National Plan of Action
	1985	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESCAP Regional Preparatory Meeting for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women (Tokyo) World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the UN Decade for Women (Nairobi), and Adoption of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendment of the Nationality Law (employing a bilinear system) Promulgation of the Equal Employment Opportunity Law Ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
	1986		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion of the Headquarters for the Planning/Promoting Women's Issues (the organization was expanded to all ministries and agencies; the mandate was also expanded) Convening of the Advisory Council to the President of the Headquarters for the Planning and Promoting of Policies Relating to Women
	1987		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formulation of the New National Plan of Action towards the Year 2000
	1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 34th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women Adoption of the First Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women by the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) 	
	1991		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promulgation of the Child Care Leave Law
	1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESCAP Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 4th World Conference on Women (Jakarta) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of the Office for Gender Equality, the Council for Gender Equality (a cabinet order-based council) and the Headquarters for the Promotion of Gender Equality
	1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing) Adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision of the Child Care Leave Law (legal establishment of the Family Care Leave Scheme)
	1996		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of the Liaison Conference for the Promotion of Gender Equality (<i>Egalite Network</i>) Formulation of the Plan for Gender Equality 2000 - the National Plan of Action for Promoting a Gender-Equal Society by the Year 2000
	1997		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of the Council for Gender Equality by Law Revision of the Equal Employment Opportunity Law and related laws Promulgation of the Law concerning Long-term Care Insurance System
	1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESCAP High-Level Intergovernmental Meeting (Bangkok: Asia-Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for Women 2000 General Assembly) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promulgation and enforcement of the Basic Law for a Gender-equal Society Promulgation and enforcement of the Basic Law on Food, Agriculture and Rural Areas
	2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 23rd Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly "Women 2000" (New York) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formulation of the Basic Plan for Gender Equality
	2001		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of the newly formed Council for Gender Equality Establishment of the Gender Equality Bureau Enforcement of the Law for the Prevention of Spousal Violence and the Protection of Victims The first Gender Equality Week Cabinet Decision on the Policy on Support Measures for the Balancing of Work and Child Rearing Campaign for Eliminating Violence against Women decided by the Headquarters for the Promotion of Gender Equality
	2002		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convening of the Advisory Council on Assistance to Women in Afghanistan Council for Gender Equality approved "Smoothly Enforcing the Law for the Prevention of Spousal Violence," "Monitoring in FY2001" and "Complaint Processing System."
	2003		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Promotion of Measures to Support Women's Challenges decided by the Headquarters for the Promotion of Gender Equality Convening of the Panel on Future of a Gender-equal Society Consideration of the fourth and fifth periodic reports on implementation of Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
	2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESCAP High-Level Intergovernmental Meeting (Bangkok: Asia-Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for "Beijing + 10" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase for the Recruitment and the Promotion of Female National Public Officers decided by the Headquarters for the Promotion of Gender Equality Enforcement of the amended Law for the Prevention of Spousal Violence and Protection of Victims Formulation of "Basic Principles in accordance with the Law for the Prevention of Spousal Violence"
	2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Beijing + 10" (the 49th UN Commission on the Status of Women, New York) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formulation of "Basic Plan for Gender Equality (2nd)"