

Milestones in the Advancement of Women since International Women's Year

Year	United Nations	Japan
1975	- 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	- Establishment of the Headquarters for the Planning and Promoting of Policies Relating to Women - Convening of the Council on Women's Issues
Proclamation of the United Nations Decade for Women (1976-1985) by the General Assembly	1977	- Formulation of the National Plan of Action - Establishment of the National Women's Education Center
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	1981	- Formulation of the Priority Targets for the Second Half of the Period Covered by the National Plan of Action
	1984	- ESCAP Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 1985 World Conference (Tokyo)
	1985	- World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the UN Decade for Women (Goals: Equality, Development and Peace)(Nairobi) - Adoption of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women
1986		- Expansion of the Headquarters for the Planning and Promoting of Policies Relating to Women (the organization was expanded to all ministries and agencies; 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		- Formulation of the New National Plan of Action towards the Year 2000
1988	- CEDAW* 7th Session: Consideration of Japan's first periodic report on implementation of the Convention (New York)	
1990	- 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		- Promulgation of the Child Care Leave Law
1994	- ESCAP Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Fourth World Conference on Women (Jakarta) - The International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) (Cairo) - Adoption of the Cairo Declaration and Programme of Action - CEDAW 13th Session: Consideration of Japan's second and third periodic reports on implementation of the Convention (New York)	- Establishment of the Office for Gender Equality, the Council for Gender Equality and the Headquarters for the Promotion of Gender Equality
1995	- The Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing) - Adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action	- Revision of the Child Care Leave Law (legal establishment of the Family Care Leave System)
1996		- Establishment of the Liaison Conference for the Promotion of Gender Equality (Egalite Network) - Formulation of the Plan for Gender Equality 2000 - The National Plan of Action for Promoting a Gender - equal Society by the Year 2000
1997		- 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	- ESCAP High-level Intergovernmental Meeting (Asia-Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for Women 2000 General Assembly) (Bangkok)	- Promulgation and enforcement of the Basic Act for a Gender-equal Society - Promulgation and enforcement of the Basic Law on Food, Agriculture and Rural Areas
2000	- The 23rd Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly "Women 2000" (New York)	- Formulation of the Basic Plan for Gender Equality
2001		- Establishment of the newly formed Council for Gender Equality and 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 Raising - Campaign for Eliminating Violence against Women decided by the Headquarters for the Promotion of Gender Equality
2002		- Convening of the Advisory Council on Assistance to Women in Afghanistan
2003	- CEDAW 29th Session: Consideration of Japan's fourth and fifth periodic reports on implementation of the Convention (New York)	- The Promotion of Measures to Support Women's Challenges - Promulgation and enforcement of Next Generation Nurturing Support Measures Promotion Law
2004	- ESCAP High-level Intergovernmental Meeting (Asia-Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for "Beijing+10") (Bangkok)	- The Enlargement of 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
2005	- The 49th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (Beijing+10) (New York)	- Formulation of the Plan of Support for Women's Renewed Challenges - Formulation of the Second Basic Plan for Gender Equality
2006		- Promoting Participation of Female Members in National Advisory Councils and Committees decided by the Headquarters for the Promotion of Gender Equality - Revision of Law on Securing, Etc. of Equal Opportunity and Treatment between Men and Women in Employment - Convening of the East Asia Gender Equality Ministerial Meeting
2007		- Revision of the Law for the Prevention of Spousal Violence and the Protection of Victims - Revision of Act on Improvement etc. of Employment Management for part-time workers - Formulation of the strategic outline of Key Strategy for "Japan Supporting Children and Families" - Formulation of the "Work-Life Balance Charter" and the "Action Guidelines for the Promotion of Work-Life Balance"
2008		- Formulation of the "Program for Accelerating Women's Social Participation" - Submission of the Sixth Periodic Report on the Implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women - Revision of Next Generation Nurturing Support Measures Promotion Law
2009	- CEDAW 44th Session: Consideration of Japan's 6th periodic report on implementation of the Convention (New York) - ESCAP High-level Intergovernmental Meeting (Asia-Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for "Beijing + 15")(Bangkok)	- Gender equality emblem decided - Revision of the Act on the Welfare of Workers Who Take Care of Children or Other Family Members Including Child Care and Family Care Leave

* The United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discriminations against Women