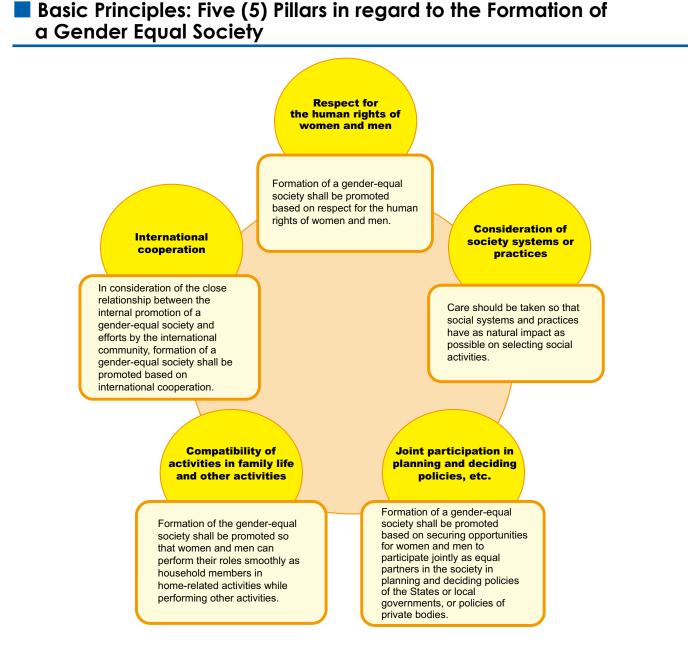
2. The Basic Act for Gender Equal Society (Promulgated and Enacted on 23 June, 1999)

The Basic Act lays out the five pillars (basic principles) relating to the formation of a gender-equal society. It also clarifies the roles of the public administration (the state and local governments) and citizens, that is, the responsibilities and basic policies.



Roles of the State, Local Governments and Citizens

Responsibilities of the State

- Formulation of the Basic Plan for Gender Equality pursuant to the basic principles
- Comprehensive formulation and implementation of policies related to promoting the formation of a gender-equal society, including Positive Action/Temporary Special Measures

Responsibilities of Local Governments

- Implementation of policies related to promoting the formation of a gender-equal society pursuant to the basic principles
- Implementation of other policies in accordance with the nature of the areas of local governments

Responsibilities of Citizens

 Expected to contribute to the formation of a gender-equal society