

# Japan

## 2023 Q4 Japan Summary

*In Japan, various events take place across the country from October to December BPW Japan organised study groups, seminars and workshops on several themes (GGGI women's political participation, tourism from a gender perspective) to promote gender equality and women's empowerment. Here is an overview of these.*

*Three members also participated in the Asia-Pacific Regional Conference in Bahrain in November.*

*In December, a party was held to celebrate the ECOSOC qualification and a meeting was held in memory of BPW Japan Past President Masako Hiramatsu.*

### GGGI Seminar 2023 (in Wakayama Prefecture)

–October 21<sup>th</sup>

In 2023, Japan's GGGI (The Global Gender Gap Index) ranking was 125th out of 146 countries, the lowest ever recorded. And this year it is also the lowest among the G7 countries. We attempted to deepen our understanding of 'what we can do to improve our ranking and situation and what actions we can take. After learning from the lecture on the GGGI, the participants presented their 'Personal Declaration of Action to Close the Gender Gap'.

#### <Theme>

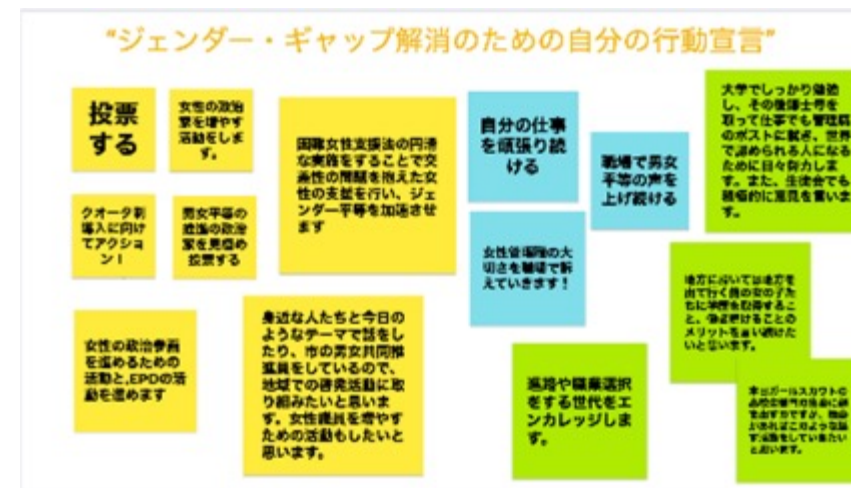
「GGGI125位(過去最低)から抜け出すために何ができるか?」

What can be done to get out of GGGI 125th (lowest ever) ?



Lecturer

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Declaration of action using jam boards

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## Western Japan Block Study Group (in Kagawa Prefecture) (Hybrid) –November 11<sup>th</sup>

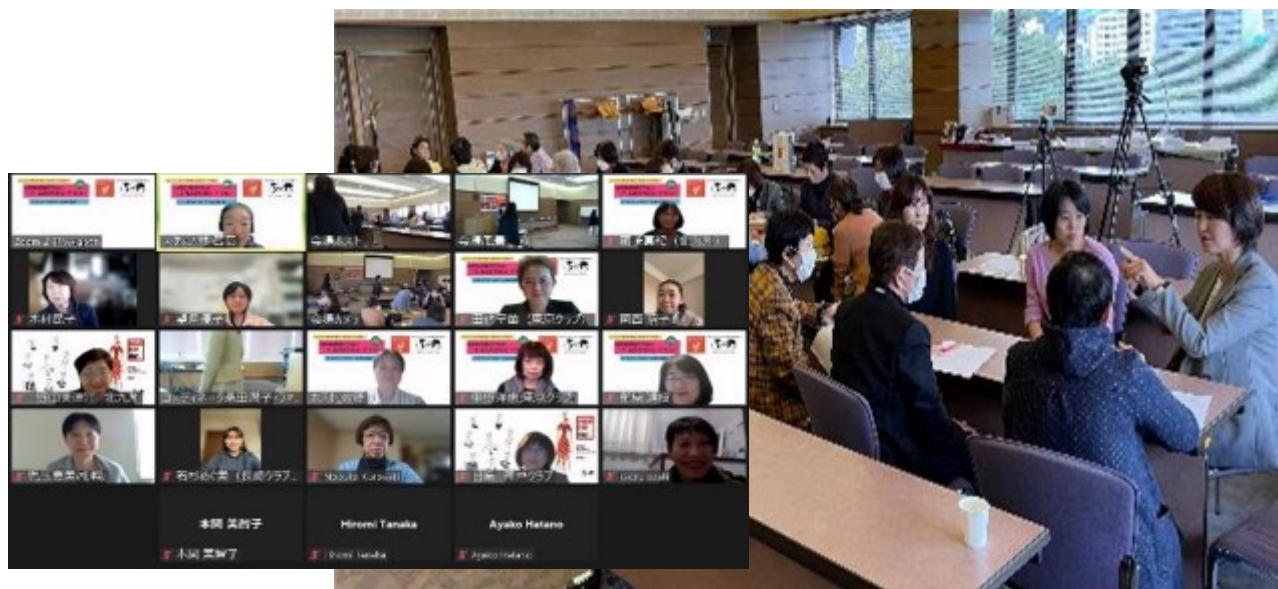
Advancing women's political participation. What we can and should do now.

In Japan, women's participation in the political field has not progressed well. In this workshop, based on a lecture clarifying the current situation of women's participation in politics and reports by five female local councillors, group work was conducted to examine concrete measures to promote women's participation.

### <Theme>

「女性の政治参画を進めよう 今私たちができること、すべきこと」

Advancing women's political participation. What we can and should do ?



## NWEC Forum (Online) –December 7<sup>th</sup>

A workshop was held at the National Women's Education Centre's forum as one of the events that the interns sent to CSW engage in after their return. Through a panel talk by BPW members who work in the tourism industry and a panel discussion facilitated by youth members, recommendations were made for the realisation of gender equality and the empowerment of women in the tourism industry.

### <Theme>

「「おもてなし」の裏にあるジェンダー課題—ジェンダーの視点から見た観光業」

Gender issues behind 'hospitality' -Tourism from a gender perspective





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## ECOSOC qualification celebrations –December 17th

In July 25, 2023, BPW Japan's special consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council was accredited. A meeting was held to celebrate the long-sought qualification of the Past President, Masako Hiramatsu, and to link it to future activities.



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## Gathering in memory of Masako Hiramatsu —December 16th

Gathering in memory of Past President Masako Hiramatsu, who passed away on 30 November 2021, was held at a restaurant near the flat where she lived. She always encouraged us to 'step forward'. I believe that we must carry on the will of Ms Hiramatsu, who has acted to eliminate gender inequalities and achieve gender equality.



## Creating postcards

We have created original postcards to promote the activities of BPW Japan for gender equality. We hope to deliver our message to many people.

