

## POSITION PAPER

Country: JAPAN

Committee: UN WOMEN

Agenda: REPRODUCTION, SEXUAL and MATERNAL HEALTH

JAPAN as a country believes in development of all. It believes the “Power of Women” has the greatest potential in our society. Japan consider in making of a vibrant and growing society to create an environment where women can demonstrate their power to the fullest extent. That is why the facilitation of women’s active role has been positioned as an important element in Japan’s Revitalization Strategy. Government of Japan is always working with the thought of future betterment.

Government has taken necessary steps for development of women, all in all, and is still working making the health the utmost priority. Reproductive health of women is considered the pillar of a strong and healthy nation. It is considered as a basic women empowerment right.

Japan has been through adverse effects from wars over the years, losing thousands of lives. It evolved from that stage and is standing the way it is because of women and their contribution. Japan’s history has been shaped by many women raising their voice for equality and promoting it between general public, giving a voice to them all. Women and their campaigns for their rights has become the core of Japanese values. Women here are educated at all levels about the changes in their selves at a notable age with other necessary education for their empowerment.

- Kagayaki School sends a gynecologist to high schools to offer a visiting class to support education on women's health, including menstruation, contraception, reproductive health, female-specific diseases and life and family planning. The program aims to enhance adolescents' literacy on women's health and empower them to maintain work-life-health balance and achieve their career and social aspirations.
- Bone health is one of the most important factors for women's health. Working on bone health care from childhood prevents future osteoporosis. Bone Health Care Center for Children and AYA generation, Juntendo University Nerima Hospital held the educational event open to the public by specialists of the bone health care research.
- Talk on “DIVERSITY and SUSTAINABILITY” conference held included a panel of Foreign Diplomats and key Japanese experts sharing their valuable insight with a primary focus on the impact of cultural/gender diversity and the influence of diversity of thoughts on sustainability, as well as sustainable investments, Artificial Intelligence and Environmental, Social & Corporate Governance.
- With the help of AJWELP Government provided a package of support to women startups in ASEAN giving them an opportunity to learn to become right entrepreneurs, to improve presentation skills, and to create networking with companies, senior entrepreneurs and AJWELP peers.

Government has given women the rights to take decisions for their body making all the laws flexible enough for them to feel secured. We gave the right for abortion to all the women suffering from major health issues, economic distress or a pregnancy caused by brutal sexual acts as rape. Abortion is made necessary to be performed by approved doctors to avoid any casualties or miss happenings. This step has been taken keeping in mind the number of unsafe abortion happened over the years, as reported 45% of the abortion has happened unsafely without taking necessary measures causing 4200 casualties. Government has also restricted the use of abortifacient as researches has proven it to be not as effective and causing other harms to a women’s health

including blood clot in uterus, infection and painful and harmful bleeding for days. Government has also regulated the use of contraceptive pills as it is responsible for causing major deadly health issues such as blood clotting, heart attacks, strokes, breast tenderness, amenorrhea and most deadliest of all STDs such as HIV and aids. All is done to protect women from harming themselves in any possible way. It is made mandatory for women to have a prescription from a certified doctor who can provide with an appropriate dosage. Instead of oral contraceptives we encourage the usage of condoms as it is best effective against STDs.

We aim on making a powerful and productive nation where there is growth and enhancements. Hence, taking care of women's reproductive health becomes one of the top most priorities.