



Name: Akie Abe

Position: Spouse of Prime Minister, Sinzo Abe

Biography:

Born in Tokyo. After graduating from Sacred Heart Professional Training College, she worked in DENTSU INC.. Then She married Mr. Shinzo Abe. In 2011, completed the study in the Graduate School of Social Design Studies, Rikkyo University.

She has been engaging herself in social activities such as school construction (Terakoya) in Myanmar. After becoming the first lady of Japan as the 2<sup>nd</sup> time, she expanded her activities and devoting herself with strong will to the field of education, women, and international exchanges. She also puts her effort in agriculture, such as rice farming in Shimonoseki city.

The society in which women play active role is not the society in which women compete with men. It is important to create a social structure which encourage women to live with womanhood. A ideal society is the one where men and women respect each other and shine together and which allows diversity. I would like to encourage many women who are trying so hard to engage herself to the society.



Name: Katsunobu Kato

Position: Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary  
Head, Cabinet Bureau of Personnel Affairs

Biography:

1979 Graduated from University of Tokyo and entered Ministry of Finance

1984 Director, Kurayoshi Regional Tax Office

1994 Secretary to Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

1995 Secretary to Mutsuki KATO, Member of the House of Representatives

2000 Guest professor, Kawasaki University of Medical Welfare

2003 Elected to the House of Representatives

2005 Re-elected to the House of Representatives (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

2007 Parliamentary Secretary, Cabinet office

2009 Re-elected to the House of Representatives (3<sup>rd</sup> term)

2011 Chairman, Federation of Okayama Prefecture LDP Branches

2012 Special Advisor to the President of LDP, Director-General for Information Bureau of LDP, Re-elected to the House of Representatives (4<sup>th</sup> term), Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary

2014 Head, Cabinet Bureau of Personnel Affairs.

As a Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary of Abe Administration, I have been devoting myself to establish “the plan to support for women who challenge”, by the end of this year, which encourages women who seek to develop her carrier or try to return to the working place after having retired with some reason as caring children. This is the core of Prime Minister Abe’s growth strategy and is targeted to establish the society in which women shine. It is essential, not an option, to establish social infrastructure in which women can engage herself actively in the society with her own will. As a father of four daughters, I will continue to devote myself to make “a society in which women shine” come true. In the symposium of WAW 2014, through the series of discussions, I look forward to sharing the opinions with all participants.



Name: Fumio Kishida

Position: Minister for Foreign Affairs

Biography:

1957 Born

1982 Graduated from the School of Law, Waseda University and joined Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan, Ltd.

1993 Elected to the House of Representatives

2001 Parliamentary Senior Vice-Minister for Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

2005 Chairman of the Committee on Health, Labour and Welfare of the House of Representatives

2007 Minister of State for Special Missions

2008 Minister for Consumer Affairs and Minister for Space Policy, Minister for Space Policy

2011 Chairman of the LDP's Diet Affairs Committee.

2012 Minister for Foreign Affairs.

“The Society in which Women Shine” will not only bring economic growth to Japan, but also vitalize the international society. The Government of Japan has been actively cooperating with the international society, and has been contributing to support developing countries in such fields as protection and promotion of human rights of women, empowerment of women and abolishment of violence against women. I hope the symposium of WAW! will give us a good opportunity to consider the role Japan and other countries in the world should take with its own initiative.



Name: Haruko Arimura

Position: Minister in charge of Promoting Women's Active Participation  
Minister of State for Gender Equality

Biography:

1970 Born

Graduated from International Christian University(ICU), Japan

Graduated with a Master's degree from the School for

International Training (SIT), United States

Worked at McDonald Japan

2001 Elected to the House of Councillors (19th House of Councillors Election)

2005 Parliamentary Secretary for Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (Koizumi Cabinet)

2007 Elected to the House of Councillors (21st House of Councillors Election)

2013 Elected to the House of Councillors (23th House of Councillors Election)

2014 Minister in charge of Promoting Women's Active Participation, Administrative Reform and Civil Service Reform Minister of State for Consumer Affairs and Food Safety, Regulatory Reform, Measures for Declining Birthrate and Gender Equality (Second Abe Cabinet (Reshuffled))

The Abe Cabinet considers women's active participation as a core of the Growth Strategy.

Unleashing the “power of women” will bring various values and creativity to the company, the government and regional communities and to vitalize society while cherishing the values of families and regional communities.

Next year, the world will commemorate the 20th anniversary of “The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action”. At this important moment, thorough discussion with distinguished participants from all over the world, I will accelerate to implement initiatives to promote women's active participation in Japan, as well as contribute to create new trends to unleash the “power of women” around the world.