

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SEMINAR

"Winners at Work: strategies for success from Leading Women in Japan"

Organised by: Delegation of the European Union to Japan and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Tokyo

To mark International Women's Day 2013, the Delegation of the European Union to Japan and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Japan will hold a seminar focussing on women who have achieved prominence in their chosen fields. Keynote speeches will be given by a representative of the new government on the government's gender equality policy and by a representative of the private sector, to be followed by a moderated panel discussion. The panel will comprise a number of prominent mostly Japanese women, who will discuss and take stock of their own professional experiences, and comment on today's barriers to and opportunities for successful economic participation by women.

Date and time: Friday, 8 March 2013, 9:00 – 13:30

Venue: Schuman Auditorium, The EU Delegation to Japan (Europa House, 4-6-28 Minami-Azabu, Minato-ku, Tokyo) <http://www.euinjapan.jp/about/map>

Language: English and Japanese with simultaneous interpretation

Registration: Please send an **email** indicating name, affiliation and email address, with the subject line 'TWD2013' to Delegation-Japan-Event@eeas.europa.eu (maximum capacity 150 seats)

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Programme (highlights)

9:00 Doors open, welcome address & opening remarks
H.E. **Hans Dietmar Schweisgut**, Ambassador of the EU to Japan
H.E. **Radinck van Vollenhoven**, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Japan

9:30 Address:
Ms **Masako Mori**, Minister for Consumer Affairs and Gender Equality

Keynote speeches
Ms **Tomoko Samura**, Director General, Gender Equality Bureau, Cabinet Office
Mr **Marcel Wiggers**, Chairman and CEO, Randstad Japan, Inc

10:15 Panel discussion
Moderator:
Professor **Yoko Ishikura**, Graduate School of Media Design, Keio University

Panelists:
Ms **Yoriko Kawaguchi** (member, House of Councillors)
Ms **Haruno Yoshida** (president, British Telecom Japan)
Ms **Rieko Fukushima** (Chief Specialist, Strategic Design Dept, Design Center, Toshiba Corporation)
Ms **Takako Endo** (president, Twhy Twhy Inc.)
Ms **Tokiko Shimizu** (principal examiner, Financial System and Bank examination Dept., Bank of Japan)

Closing remarks
Ms **Maeve Collins**, Minister, Deputy Head of Delegation, EU Delegation to Japan

12:00 End of conference. Start of networking reception (light buffet)

13:30 End of reception

*Please note that speakers and times may be subject to last-minute changes