

The Meeting on Men and Masculinities in Five East Asian Cities

Date/Time: 10:00-17:30 February 20th, 2019.

Venue: Sasakawa Peace Foundation Building 5F

Concept Note & Program

1. Context

The Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF) has developed a new project on men and masculinities in the year 2017. As part of this project, the Foundation conducted a survey on men and masculinities in five major cities in East Asia, including Tokyo, Seoul, Taipei, Shanghai and Hong Kong, and statistically analyzed the data. In this survey, we made inquiries to 9,000 men in total in Japan and four East Asian cities on questions surrounding issues including their practices of household work, their ideas on women's roles at workplace and home, their health and many other questions to explore a kind of men who could be considered to be more contributing to gender equality.

The statistical analysis shows some very stimulating and, in some cases, intriguing results. For example, in all five cities, those men who have traditional mind-set towards women in the workplace have a tendency to do more household work than those who have more liberal/modern way of thinking. Men's mind-set and their daily practices are not necessarily interrelated, and awareness campaigns to promote gender equality would not be effective as it is expected.

2. Objectives

- (1) To exchange and share thoughts and opinion about the result of the survey.
- (2) To strengthen understanding of the situation of men in five cities in East Asia.
- (3) To establish a network of experts on men and masculinities in East Asia.

3. Participants

Experts in men and masculinities studies, family studies, and regional studies in East Asia.
Also, project team member in the Sasakawa Peace Foundation.

4. Language

English.

Program

- <Session 1: Set the Tone for Proceedings> Moderator: Dr. Akihiro Ueda (SPF)
- 10:00-10:05 **Opening**
- 10:05-10:15 **Self-introduction**
- 10:15-10:35 **On Men and Masculinities in Japan**
Presentation by *Prof. Kimio Ito* (Kyoto Sangyo University)
- 10:35-11:15 Report of the **Statistics analysis on the Five East Asian Cities**
Presentation by *Prof. Ishii-Kuntz, Masako* (Ochanomizu University)
- 11:15-11:35 **Views and interpretations on the Statistical Report**
Presentation by *Prof. Futoshi Taga* (Kansai University)
- 11:35-12:00 A Brief discussion
- <Lunch> 12:00- @ 5F Meeting Room
- <Session 2: Exchange of Opinions> Moderator: Prof. Futoshi Taga (Kansai University)
- 13:00-13:40 **On Men and Masculinities in Taipei**
- Presentation by *Prof. Frank T.Y. Wang* (National Chengchi University)
- Comment by *Dr. Fumie Ohashi* (Ochanomizu University)
- 13:40-14:20 **On Men and Masculinities in Hong Kong**
- Presentation by *Dr. Lai Ching Leung* (City University of Hong Kong)
- Comment by *Dr. Mario Liong* (Ritsumeikan University)
- 14:20-14:35 Tea/Coffee break
- 14:35-15:35 **On Men and Masculinities in Shanghai**
- Presentation by *Prof. Masako Kohama* (Nihon University)
- Comment by *Dr. Nan Liu* (Nagasaki University)
- 15:35-16:00 **On Men and Masculinities in Seoul**
- Presentation by *Dr. Masanori Sasaki* (Nagasaki University of Foreign Studies)
- 16:00-17:30 Overall Discussion *with consecutive interpretation
- <Dinner > 18:00-