

Achievement and Future Plan of Action of “Policy Dialogue on Women Empowerment”

The Second Steering Committee

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I. Achievement to date

1. H.E. Madam Shahindkht Molaverdi, the then Vice President for Women and Family Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Mr. Nobuo Tanaka, Chairman of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF) agreed to implement in co-operation the Project entitled “Policy Dialogue on Women Empowerment” (hereinafter “the Project”) in August 2015.
2. Based on the agreement, the first joint International Symposium entitled “Women, Peace and Sustainable Development” was held in May 2016 in Tehran. The symposium adopted the document entitled “Scope for Future Collaboration” that set the future plan of action of the Project (attachment).
3. Based on this document, the second joint International Symposium entitled “Women, Education and Economic Empowerment” was held in February 2017 in Tokyo. The symposium adopted the document entitled “Way Forward” that set the governance and the structure of the research activity (attachment).
4. Based on the result of these symposia, a team made of Iranian and Japanese experts started the research entitled “Comparative Study on Women Entrepreneurs in Iran and Japan: Practice and Policy”. The interim research result will be presented at the workshop today.

II. Next step

1. Theme

The theme of the Women Empowerment will include: 1) women entrepreneurship (continued from 2017); 2) information and communication technology (ICT) (new) and 3) culture and tourism (new)

2. Dissemination at the global stage

Since 2016, the Project has mobilized much audience both in Iran and Japan. As the next step the Project will move to a new phase in 2019 when the experience of the Project will be disseminated at the global stage through various means that may include engaging a third country.

The final research outcome will be presented at the third joint International Symposium on the Women Empowerment in 2019.