



**Invitation to BPW International
East Asia Sub-Regional Conference 2019
30 November – 2 December 2019
Tokyo, Japan**

Overview

Conference Theme:

SDGs Goal 5 is the Essence to Gender Equality

BPW's mission is to empower women, and the realization of SDGs is our current objectives. During the Regional Conference in Bangkok 2018, the participants from BPW East Asia have agreed that within the 17 Goals of SDGs, the main targets in our sub-region are Goal 4, 5 and 17.

For this reason, the upcoming Sub-Regional Meeting will focus on the following:

- 1) Opening speech will focus on the theme of "How to Practise SDGs in Economy" by the specialist on the topic.
- 2) Sessions will be focused on discussions on what we can do for the Goals 4, 5 and 17 especially.

Please also note that Asia-Pacific Young BPW Regional Symposium is scheduled to take place simultaneously.

Program – Confirmed

Saturday 30 November 2019

- 15:00 Meet at the Reception @ Keio Plaza Hotel
- 15:30 – 16:30
 Presidents' Meeting @ Fusen Kaikan (BPW Japan Federation Office)
- 17:30 Registration @ Keio Plaza Hotel
- 18:30 Opening Ceremony @ Keio Plaza Hotel
- 18:45 Dinner
- 19:40 Young Speech Contest
- 20:00 Keynote Speech by Mr. Kazuo Tase (CEO SDG Partners Inc.)
- 21:30 Closing

Sunday 1 December 2019

- 09:00 Departure from Keio Plaza Hotel by bus
- 11:30 Arrival
- 11:45 Welcome Greeting by NWEC staff
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:30 Greetings by:
 President of BPW Japan, Sub-Regional RC, International President
- 14:00 Country Reports
- 15:00 Workshop I – SDGs Goal 5 – 2x Speakers + Group Discussion
- 17:00 Check-in
- 18:00 Dinner Party
- 20:00 Lounge Talk with drinks and snacks

Monday 2 December 2019

- 08:00 Breakfast
 Workshop II – SDGs Goal 4: Current Situation in East
- 09:00 Asia (Unconscious Bias etc.)
- 10:45 Workshop III – SDGs Goal 17 – Panel Discussion
- 12:30 Closing Lunch and Twinning Ceremony

- 14:00 Cultural Experiences (fees included in registration / optional participation) Traditional Tea Ceremony, Ikebana Flower Arrangement, Kimono dress-ups *Note: all experiences will be available within NWEC premises*

- 18:00 "Joyful" Dinner Party

Tuesday 3 December 2019

Optional Tour Plan – Cultural Study Tour

This is small tour on the way from NWEC to back to Shinjuku (the start point of this program). Tour includes a visit to an old town of Kawagoe, where you will see the traditional streets from Edo Period (1603-1868) still buzzing, and visit the traditional *washi* paper factory.

Registration

Early Bird Registration Fee (May - July 31)	480	USD
Regular Registration Fee (1 Aug - 31 Oct)	550	USD
Last-minute Registration Fee (1-29 Nov)	600	USD
Just-in-time Registration Fee (30 Nov – 2 Dec)	600	USD (Cash on 12/3 only)
Optional Tour (3 Dec) (Visit Kawagoe & traditional <i>washi</i> paper crafting)	70	USD

Registration Fees include sessions, meals, transportation & accommodation:

- All sessions
- Day 1: Welcome Party with meal
- Day 2: Coach bus from Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo to NWEC
- Day 2: Lunch and Dinner Party at NWEC
- Day 3: Various Cultural Experiences in afternoon
- Accommodation x 2 nights (Day 2 + Day 3) at NWEC
- Drinks & Snacks (2 x Coffee Break + 1 x Lounge Talk)

Registration fees excludes: 1 night stay at Keio Plaza Hotel on 30 Nov 2019

Why NWEC?

NWEC (National Women's Education Center) is the leading educational facility for the promotion of women in Japan. Established in 1977 as the only national center to promote gender equal society through education, research and data-reservation. NWEC has also been a leading model in other Asian countries for the progress of women's status within society, as well as the hub for gender studies. There are also many cultural activities, traditional Japanese-style rooms in a cozy building with many meeting rooms available. This is the reason why, as BPW Japan, we believe that NWEC is the place for our Sub-Regional Meeting.



About Kawagoe City

Kawagoe served its political and military importance during the Edo Period (1603-1868) as it offered northern protection for Edo Castle. Today, people can enjoy the vestiges of this era still visible on Kawagoe's elegant streets, old-time sweets shops and the town bell that sounds at the hour. Stroll the streets of *Koedo* (Little Edo) and enjoy a time slip back to the Edo Period. Japanese traditional papercraft, *washi*-making experience is also available.



Tokyo Tour Guide:

Available in Simplified/Traditional Chinese, Korean, Thai and English

[Visit Tokyo | The Official Tokyo Travel Guide, GO TOKYO](#)

<https://www.gotokyo.org/en/index.html>

Transportation

Regarding Access from NVEC to Central Tokyo:

Those who wish to travel back by themselves; you can take a taxi to bus terminal at Shinrinkoen to Haneda/Narita Airports, or alternatively take a taxi and train to the airports. Taxi fare from NVEC to Shinrinkoen bus terminal is around 1720JPY (20USD).