

Japan

2022 Q4 Japan Summary by Otoha Hayashi (Chair of Int'l Committee)

There were 3 local conferences held in this quarter across Japan, combined with the Young Speech Competition qualifying sessions.

As Japan is still under a stricter COVID-19 protocol than other countries due to the government's order, some clubs had faced a great difficulty in arranging a suitable venue in advance, if not met with the lack of support from their own members. At the same time, some hosting clubs were still incapable to find a venue that was capable to support them in hosting a hybrid event, therefore resorted to only host completely offline while gravely limiting the number of participants allowed on the day. The differences in each local club and the area's technological skills/abilities has impacted the number of participants gravely, which we are hoping to have resolved in 2023, when the government is planning to ease the COVID-19 protocol.

West Japan Block – December 3rd, 2022

Held in hybrid style live from Hotel New Nagasaki in Nagasaki City, hosted by BPW Nagasaki Club.

Theme: *“GGGI 116th place and our stagnation...challenging the reason for our delay!”*

Sponsored by: Nagasaki Prefecture, Nagasaki City, Q no kai (an organization working to promote the quota in parliament)



Kanto-Yamanashi Block – December 10th, 2022

Panel Discussion:

“Why I decided to become a politician” by local and parliament politicians of Yamanashi including members.



Masako Memorial Session – October 23rd, 2022

The 5th Online Tea Party meet-up session for our elderly members, to practice using Zoom and also to catch up with each other. However, we dedicated this session for the late Masako Hiramatsu, our beloved national President of many years/terms.

Local Conferences for each Blocks

- Kinki Block on November 26th | by Osaka Club | offline event due to the hosting club's preference
- West Japan Block on December 3rd | by Nagasaki Club | hybrid event
- Kanto-Yamanashi Block on December 10th | by Yamanashi Club | offline event

The host clubs have up to 1 month since the event, to submit a full report with the number of participants, any feedbacks, pictures, number of new recruits etc. to the Executive Board. As these events have all been held in less than a month prior to submitting this report, we are yet to receive the full reports with details.