



LUNCH SEMINAR

on the Japanese Economy and Society

at the Maison franco-japonaise

"Why Women in Japan Struggle with Economic and Political Activities"

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Summary

The presentation will address the following issues :

1. The traditional relationships between women and men
2. The unusually low participation of women in politics
3. The particular motivation of women to stay as fulltime housewives, as well as the tough working conditions and attitudes, cultural and social norms against working mothers
4. A turning point : extremely aged society and economic depression
5. The women's full-swing challenges against obstacles.

Short Biography of HASHIMOTO Hiroko



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- MA in Library and Information Sciences, University of California.
- Former member of the Advisory Committee on Assistance of Afghan Women for the Chief Cabinet minister and the Export Group Meeting of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on ODA
- ☞ "Japanese Women in a Ubiquitous Society", *Issues on Gender Equity in the Knowledge Based Information Society*, Asian Pacific Women's Information Network Center (APWIN), Vol.7, 2005, p. 89-101
- ☞ "The Under-representation of Women in Science and Technology in Japan: What is Going On?", *Journal of Asian Women's Studies*, Vol.14, 2005, p. 101-119.

Short Biography of Isabelle GIRAUDOU



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What is the Lunch Seminar?

This typical event has been organized at the Maison-Franco Japonaise (Nichi-Futsu Kaikan) – Room 601 (6F) from 12.30 to 14.00, since 2004 with the generous support from the Economic Section of the French Embassy and the French Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Japan. For more information, please visit the website of the seminar : http://www.mfj.gr.jp/lunch_seminar/lunch_seminar.html

Please note that this is a "brown bag lunch seminar" (please bring your sandwiches or "bento").

How to attend the Lunch Seminar ?

The participation to the Lunch Seminar is free but **registration is strictly required**. Please apply by e-mail to : mikasa@mfj.gr.jp ; or by fax (03-5421-7652) specifying your :

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| – name | – adress |
| – company or institution | – phone |
| – position | – e-mail |

NB : The presentation will be followed by a discussion with the participants (in English, no translation).

How to get there ?



Nichifutsu Kaikan (MFJ) : Shibuya-ku, Ebisu, 3-9-25

▷ From the Ebisu JR station take the Skywalk Exit, turn left and walk 5 mn alongside Yebisu Garden Place.

