

The Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation Webinar

Women in Politics in Japan: Cultural Shift and Generational Equality

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国会

2020年1月1日時点

Lower House

9.9%



Upper House

22.9%

Governors and Mayors

Governors

4.3%

2名

47

都道府県

Mayors of
mega cities

10.0%

2名

20

政令指定都市

Mayors of
municipalities

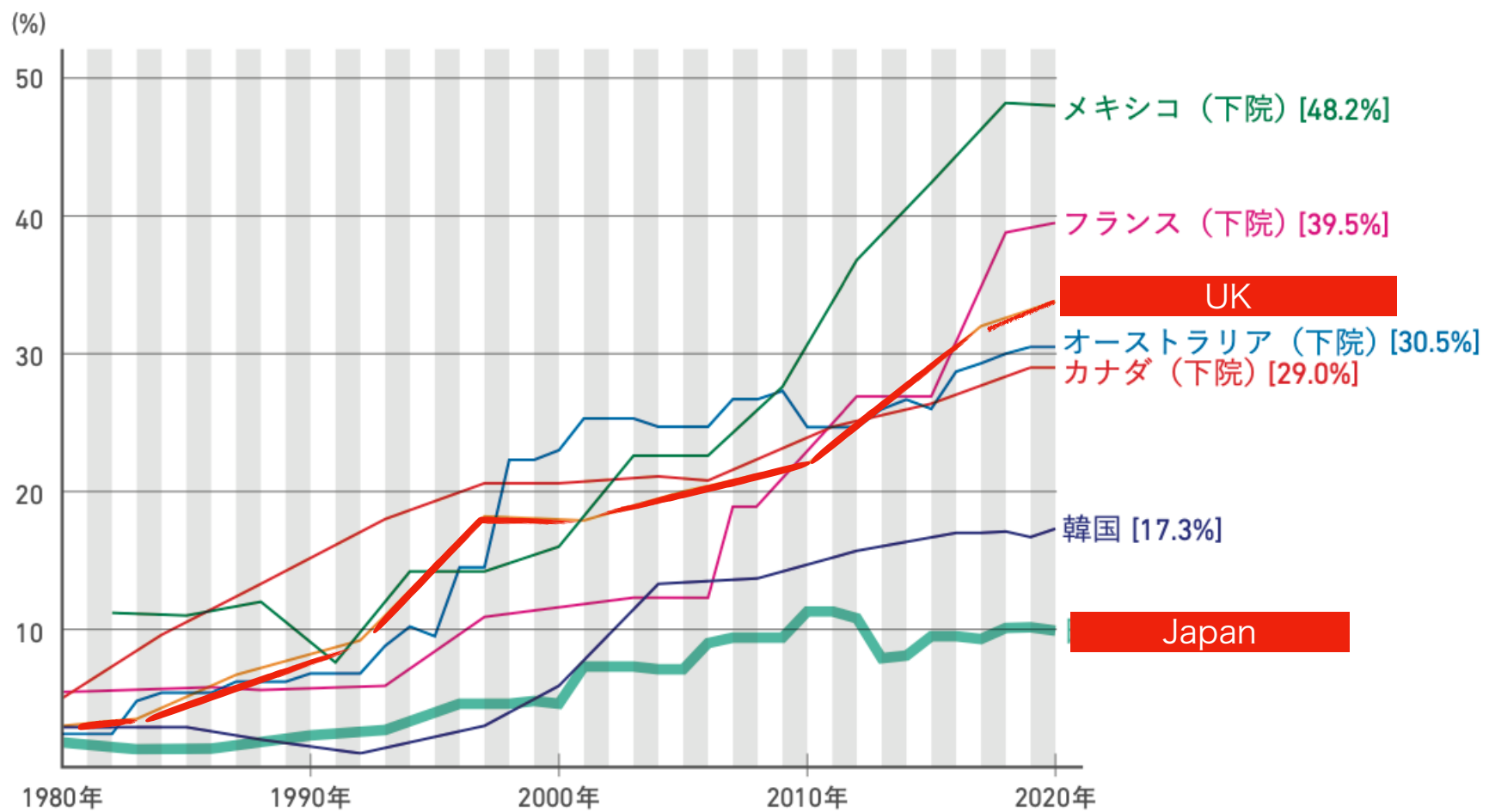
1.9%

32名

1,721

市区町村

内閣府男女共同参画局(2020)「諸外国における政治分野の男女共同参画のための取組」(<https://www.gender.go.jp/policy/seijibunya/pdf/pamphlet.pdf>)



出典：IPU 及び各国の議会・選挙管理委員会作成資料
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Gender Parity Law

- Passed in May 2018
 - Private member's bill
 - Prepared by an all-partisan parliamentary group since 2015.
 - Quota movement since 2011
 - Demanded by women's organizations (Association Q)
- Basic principle:
 - Requires political parties to aim at fielding an equal number of male and female candidates in all elections.
 - Parties are encouraged to take measures, e.g. setting a numerical target of female/male candidates.



Public awareness of sexism

- 2017: #MeToo began
- 2018: Sexual harassment by vice-minister of Finance, Discrimination against women at Medical schools, Student activism (Sexual consent)
- 2019: #Flower Demo, #KuToo, Sexual Harassment during job-hunting
- 2020: 121st in the Gender Gap Index
- 2021: Mr. Mori's resignation after his sexist remarks (former Tokyo Olympics chief), 120th in the Gender Gap Index

Men make better political leaders than women do

(World Value Survey)

	1994-1998	1999-2004	2005-2009	2010-2014	2017-2020
Japan	43%	31%	30%	28%	22% 6% U29 women
Korea	63%	44%	58%	44%	52%
US	29%	22%	24%	19%	17%
UK			18%		11%
Sweden	17%	18%	7%	11%	5%

ACADEMY FOR GENDER PARITY

The Academy for Gender Parity trains young women to run for political office, with the aim of helping women and minorities to fully participate in decision-making processes and thus create a society that truly respects gender equality and diversity. In March 2018, Professors Mari Miura and Ki-young Shin established the Academy, and they have worked with other non-governmental organizations, community groups, and politicians to carry out the Academy's mission of achieving gender parity. The Academy offers a leadership course that teaches the skills and strategies needed to launch successful political campaigns, provides a training program for trainers, organizes public talk events, and conducts research.



Co-founders

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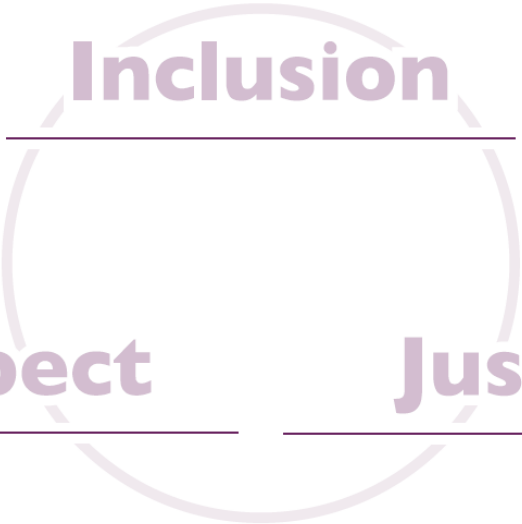
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Vision



Inclusion

Respect

Justice

Mission

1. Confidence

Participants will delve into their motivations for running for office and gain the confidence to become leaders of their communities.

2. Capacity

Participants will acquire practical skills in delivering speeches, crafting political messaging, and organizing political campaigns.

3. Community

Participants will connect with like-minded women and build up support networks among themselves.

Programs

1. Political Leadership Training for Young Women

- (A) Public speech training course.
- (B) Three-day leadership training camp.
- (C) Theme-based practical seminars.

2. Training of Leadership Trainers

3. Leadership Training for Civil Society Organizations and Business



Results for 2018-2020

Five candidates ran in the 2019 local elections, and **four** were elected.

Three candidates ran in the 2019 Upper House elections and were narrowly defeated.

Two candidates ran for and won the 2019 municipal council election.



Training of trainers

Elementary Trainer 12 people confirmed
Intermediate Trainer 5 people confirmed



Next Steps

Amendment of the Gender Parity Law

1. Mandatory Numerical Target
2. Incentivize by Public Subsidy to Political Parties
3. Prevent Violence against Women in Politics

IPU Gender-sensitive parliament audit

女性参政権行使 **75** 周年記念

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2021

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つなげよう、女性のチカラ！



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