

Panel Discussion at CSW 54 NGO Parallel Events
Empowerment of Women:
Best Practices and New Challenges in Japan and the Republic of Korea

1. Best practices at KFAW
 - What is the KFAW?
 - Best practices
 - (1) The Kitakyushu Conference on Asian Women
 - (2) Seminars on Gender Mainstreaming Policies for Government Officers
 - (3) MOVE Festa.

2. The Kitakyushu Conference on Asian Women
 - A big annual international conference
 - Focuses on one of 12 areas of concern adopted in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.
 - Stimulates citizens and NGOs in terms of the global outlook

3. The Seminars on Gender Mainstreaming Policies for Government Officers
 - Annual seminars for government officers in developing countries commissioned by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) since 1992
 - Great contribution to international cooperation and assistance of government officers to develop and implement their effective gender mainstreaming policies in their countries.
 - Four week formal training and living under the same roof produces strong friendship

4. MOVE Festa
 - The Kitakyushu Municipal Gender Equality Center, MOVE, part of the KFAW, is characterized by so called down-to-earth, in other words, domestic and localized approaches to gender issues, while the KFAW is oriented to international activities,
 - The biggest event is called MOVE Festa, which lasts nearly 4 weeks in July.
 - Last year we produced a musical, *Behind the Door*, which turned out to be extremely successful with several reasons.