

History of Kitakyushu Forum on Asian Women(KFAW)

August 23, 1989

The Asia Women's Forum as a System for Research on and Training of Asian Women (provisional name) was selected from among 101 entries for the City of Kitakyushu's Hometown Revitalization Project.

October 20, 1990

KFAW was officially established, with Ms. Hisako Takahashi serving as its first president.

October 1, 1993

KFAW was approved by the Ministry of Labour and formally established as an incorporated foundation.

July 1, 1995

The Kitakyushu Women's Center, MOVE, was established.

July 2002

KFAW became the first NGO based in the Kyushu region to be granted Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

July 31, 2002

KFAW received the Special Merit Prize for International Cooperation from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

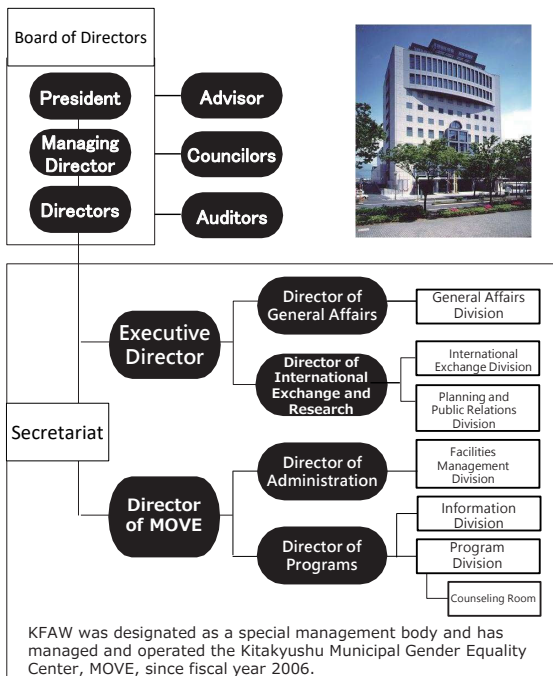
April 1, 2006

KFAW was designated as a special management body responsible for managing and operating the Kitakyushu Municipal Gender Equality Center, MOVE.

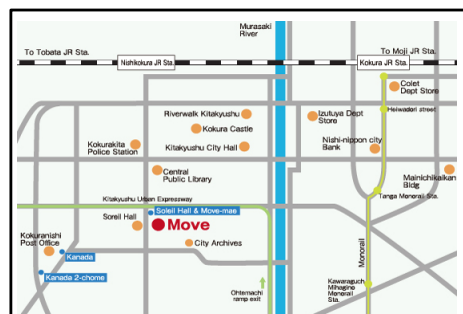
April 1, 2013

KFAW transitioned to a Public Interest Incorporated Foundation.

Organization Chart



Access



◆From JR Nishikokura Station

- 1) about 15 minutes on foot
- 2) about 10 minutes by bus

◆From JR Kokura Station

- 1) about 15 minutes by bus

◆Kitakyushu Urban Expressway

- 1) about 3 minutes from either the Katsuyama or Otemachi Ramp exits.

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アジア女性交流・研究フォーラム Kitakyushu Forum on Asian Women

Achieving the SDGs from KFAW

KFAW aims to achieve GOAL 5 (Gender Equality), sharing the challenges and efforts with the world.



*The SDGs are the global long-term goals adopted by the UN Summit.



Working towards a gender-equal society



Developing global perspectives



Promoting residents' participation



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Kitakyushu Forum on Asian Women (KFAW)

KFAW is a Kitakyushu-based organization established in October 1990 to promote gender equality in Japan and across Asia. Since its founding, KFAW has been committed to realizing gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, and has carried out a variety of initiatives—such as exchange and training programs, information collection and dissemination, and consultation services—all focused on gender equality and related issues.

The Kitakyushu Conference on Asian Women

An international symposium held in pursuit of a gender-equal society

◇Theme for 2025: “How do we survive in a society with shrinking population ?”



International Training Program

We implement the Gender Mainstreaming Policies for Government Officers training program, outsourced by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Kyushu Center. This program trains government officers to develop and promote gender-mainstreaming policies.

◇Country-Focused Training for Bhutan: Protection and Care for Women and Children (2023)



United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

As an organization with Special Consultative Status with the UN ECOSOC, KFAW participates in CSW and holds seminars.

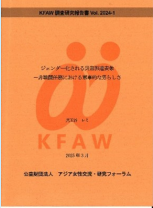
◇CSW69 Seminar (2025)



Research Activities

KFAW conducts research through its Visiting Researchers, organizes research seminars, and publishes research journals.

◇ Research activities by KFAW Visiting Researchers



Projects to Promote International Understanding

KFAW holds seminars with approachable themes to deepen mutual understanding of gender issues.

◇ Beijing+30 Panel Exhibition (2025)



Newsletter: “Asian Breeze”

Published four times a year in both Japanese and English on the KFAW website, “Asian Breeze” features information about women in Asia and provides updates on KFAW’s programs.



Get the latest updates here

Our website and social media channels provide the latest information from KFAW, including event announcements and reports on past activities.

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Kitakyushu Municipal Gender Equality Center, MOVE

Mission

To promote the creation of a gender-equal society by deepening public understanding of gender equality and supporting efforts by citizens and private organizations.

Gender Equality Projects

MOVE organizes seminars and lectures to raise public awareness of gender-related issues and to promote efforts toward gender equality.

Programs include:

- ◇ Gender Equality Seminars
- ◇ Housework Seminars
- ◇ Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights Seminars



MOVE Festa

MOVE and local citizens host a variety of seminars and fun events to promote a gender-equal society.

Many community groups also hold their own events during this period!



MOVE Library

MOVE collects and provides access to books and materials related to gender issues.

The library holds approximately 57,000 books, mainly focused on gender-related topics. Training DVDs are also available for loan.



Facility Information

The Interaction Lounge is a spacious, multi-purpose area. MOVE also offers various rooms for rent, including a large hall accommodating over 500 people, seminar rooms, a cooking room, an art room, a Japanese-style room, and a tea ceremony room.



Counseling Services

***All services are provided in Japanese only.**

MOVE offers counseling via phone and in person on topics like mental health, life challenges, gender-related human rights issues, and legal matters.

Available Services:

- ◇ General counseling on mental health and life concerns
- ◇ Counseling via mail (Please visit the MOVE website for details.)
- ◇ Counseling on human rights violations related to gender
- ◇ Counseling and support for women
- ◇ Counseling for men
- ◇ Counseling for women’s legal issues

Publications (available in Japanese only)

- ◇ Booklets
 - "To You Who Will Open the Future" (revised in 2025)
 - "Cherish Yourself" (revised in 2024)
 - "Survey on Women's Empowerment in Kitakyushu City 2023"
 - "Parenting Is Not Just for Those on Maternity or Childcare Leave - A Support Guide for Dads" (2023)
 - "To Middle-Aged and Older Adults: Your Strength Is Needed" (2020)
- ◇ Regular Newsletter "Moving" Available for download on the MOVE website.



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