

**Biographical data form of candidates to the
Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**

Name: HAYASHI, Yoko

Nationality: Japanese

Date and place of birth: June 9, 1956, Mito, Japan

Working languages: English and Japanese

Current position/function

- Lawyer in private practice (Athena Law Office in Tokyo, Japan)
- Specialized in gender-based discrimination lawsuits.
- Member, CEDAW (January 2008 to date)
- Chair of Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol (2013 to date)
- Alternate Rapporteur on Follow-Up on Concluding Observation (2011 to 2013)

Educational background

- LL.B. Waseda University, 1979
- Completed apprenticeship at the Supreme Court Legal Training and Research Institute, called to the Bar in 1983.

Main professional activities

- National Level
 - Member, Specialist Committee on Violence against Women under the Gender Equality Bureau of the Cabinet Office (2001 to 2013)
 - Member, Investigation Committee under the Cabinet Office on the Accident at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Stations of Tokyo Electric Power Company (2011 to 2012)
 - Visiting Professor of Law (gender and law), Waseda Law School (2004 to March 2009)
- International Level
 - Member, Japanese delegation to the 54th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2010)
 - Alternate Member, UN Sub-Commission on the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights (2004-2006)
 - Advisor to the Japanese government for the UN 4th World Conference on Women (1995)

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Convention

- Board Member, Japan Civil Liberties Union (JCLU) (1990-2010), Secretary General (1998-2000)
- Advisory Committee Member, Asian Women's Fund (1995-2003)

- Vice President, Women's Bar Association of Japan (2002-2004)
 - List of most recent publications in the field of discrimination against women and advancement of their human rights
 - Hayashi, Yoko ed., *We, Women, and the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women* (2011, Shinzansha) (in Japanese)
 - Hayashi, Yoko, "CEDAW – State Responsibility and Remedies to Victims" in *Gender and Law Society ed., Lecture on Gender and Law Vol. 1* (2012), pp. 139-153.
 - Hayashi, Yoko, "Implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women in Japan", *Journal of East Asia & International Law Vol.6, No.2* (2013) (in English)
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