

International Symposium on “Promoting Women’s Leadership in Asia”

Nagoya University’s “Women Leaders Program to Promote Well-being in Asia” organized an International Symposium on “Promoting Women's Leadership in Asia” on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, on its campus. This symposium was organized as part of [HeForShe Campaign](#). In its pilot program “Impact 10x10x10” Nagoya University President, Dr. Seiichi Matsuo, was selected as one of the world's top 10 university presidents who are committed to promote gender equality.

By inviting pioneering women leaders from inside and outside Japan as well as male leaders who show strong support for promoting gender equality, from government, international organizations, and business, this symposium was organized in order to raise awareness about gender equality and the importance of promoting women’s leadership in Japan, and more broadly in Asia. A highly inspiring keynote lecture by Ms. Isabel Guerrero, a former Vice President of the World Bank, was followed by a lively panel discussion session, where four distinguished panelists, Ms. Gowri Ishwaran (CEO, the Global Education and Leadership Foundation), Mr. Yoshiharu Naito (Former CEO and Chairman, *Pokka* Corporation and currently Senior Advisor, Serendip Consulting Co. Ltd.), Ms. Tri Mumpuni (Senior Advisor for Minister on New and Renewable Energy, Republic of Indonesia and Executive Director, NGO IBEKA), and Ms. Kae Yanagisawa (Vice President, the Japan International Cooperation Agency) shared their experiences and challenges concerning women’s leadership. The open discussion that followed was very engaging and motivating, in which more than 170 participants including students and faculty from Nagoya University, youths from all over Japan, and the general public, attended.



Keynote Lecture by Ms. Guerrero



Panel Discussion