

WPL SUMMIT 2019 OUTCOME DECLARATION “TAKING ACTIONS TO ADVANCE SOCIETY THROUGH SDGs”

We, as women political leaders, participated in the WPL Summit 2019 on Taking Actions to Advance Society Through the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) held in Tokyo, Japan, from 25 to 27 June, co-hosted by Women Political Leaders and the House of Representatives of Japan.

The WPL Summit 2019 gathers more than 300 women political leaders from all parts of the world, committed to best and fast attaining the SDGs, and to take impactful action. This results in the following outcomes:

We celebrate the first WPL Summit to have been held in the Asia-Pacific region. Accounting for over 60% of the world's population and creating over 60% of global growth, Asia plays a key role in the world's political, economic and cultural development. Promoting women's rights and enhancing women's participation in public life contributes to advancement not only in the region, but across the world.

We recognise the importance of bringing more women's perspectives to all policies, including the construction of a disaster resistant society responding to the needs of the people, and promote equity between women and men in politics. We encourage women's participation on all political levels, including local assemblies, to reflect the diversity of public opinion. We support the UN Women Call to Action to Parliamentarians launched at the WPL Summit 2019 in Tokyo and welcome the global guidelines introduced there for progress in Parliaments to improve the lives of women, girls and all society around the world.

We applaud the G20 ambition to reduce the gap in labor force participation between men and women by 25 percent by 2025, bringing more than 100 million women into jobs. We concur that the economic participation of women is essential for development and growth around the world.

We recognise SDGs as the common roadmap. The WPL Summit 2019 is the first worldwide gathering of female politicians on SDGs. Achieving the SDGs will improve the quality of life of every individual, create happiness, and advancement throughout society. We assert that diversity and inclusiveness are important factors for success and growth, and richness in diversity of age, ability, gender, ethnicity, and other factors, is what enables a country to progress.

We recognize that environmental issues are closely interrelated, and support the G20 goal to find common ground to address climate change and achieve a sustainable society and economic growth. It is essential to aim at the creation of a circular economy from a broader perspective. In the spirit of *mottainai*, we promote building an international resource cycle and the transition to a society with low pollution and emissions. We encourage the implementation of the G20 decision on building an international framework on marine plastic litter.

We recognize that understanding women's specific health needs and comprehensively supporting women's health over their lifetime is crucial to ensure the well-being of both women as individuals, and society as a whole. We promote best practices in maternal and child health.

We, as women political leaders, will take action to promote women's empowerment and bring about a society where no one is left behind. We recognize that girls' education is fundamental. We will report the outcomes of this Summit to the participants of the G20 Summit to be held in Osaka, Japan, and recommend that concrete actions be taken, especially in supporting girls' education.