

Women in Sciences - Prospect in the 21st century –

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I am a physicist and my major is particle physics, but I have organized and joined cooperative research in a wide range including particle physics, gender difference, bioethics, and perspective of science. On the other hand, I have had many roles: wife, mother as well as teacher, researcher, and Chairperson of EPMEWSE in 2003-2004. I understand the diversity of life cycle is one of the characteristics of women in science. In recent years, I have realized the diversity is very important for the science in the 21st century.

I am very pleased to have a chance to talk about women in science with people in the Earth and Planetary Science. I'd like to talk about the following topics at the meeting.

1. History of a situation of Japanese women in science
2. Organization of societies of natural sciences from the EPMEWSE member survey
3. Women, science and life from the EPMEWSE member survey
4. What is important now? - A comparison with other countries
5. Science and women in the 21st century

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