

# Female students studying earth and planetary sciences in Japanese universities

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Since 1990s female students have been rapidly increasing in Japanese universities, and this tendency appears typically in the field of earth and planetary sciences (EPS). The importance of field observations and outdoor researches in EPS was a problem for female students and scientists in old days, but is almost no problems for them now. It must be noted that this situation does not mean mainly female scientists, but that EPS now requests a new viewpoint for the nature which could be obtained by female scientists. The universities and the academic community of EPS must establish an environment in which female scientists could exhibit their womanly genius.