

Fukuoka Women's University Women's Leadership Center Inaugural Symposium

Imagining What Is Not Yet

May 28 2022 3pm-5pm (JST)

At FWU Library / Museum of Art & Online
FREE WITH RSVP



Opening Remarks

Tsuyoshi MUKAI

Board Chairperson and President, Fukuoka Women's University

Kanako TOYOSADA

Director, Women's Leadership Center /
Advisor to the President, Fukuoka Women's University /
Professor, International College of Arts and Sciences

Greetings from the Prefectural Government of Fukuoka*

Akie OMAGARI Vice Governor, Fukuoka Prefecture

Greetings from Women's Universities

Yasuko SASAKI

President, Ochanomizu University, National University Corporation

Yuko TAKAHASHI

President, Tsuda University

Mary SCHMIDT CAMPBELL

President, Spelman College, USA

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Closing Remarks

Tisato KAJIYAMA

Chief University Adviser, Fukuoka Women's University

“We want higher learning opportunities!!”

Imagining what was not yet available to them, women in Fukuoka started their education movement 100 years ago. They yearned for and demanded access to higher education, which was then regarded as unnecessary for women. Among many who echoed the women's aspiration and plea, the Governor of the Prefecture of Fukuoka, as well as the Mayor of the City of Fukuoka, took actions that resulted in the establishment of the very first local public women's college (*joshi semmon gakko*) in Japan, which became Fukuoka Women's University (FWU) in 1950.

As we celebrate the 100 years of education rooted in the spirit of women who have imagined and worked tirelessly to create “what is not yet”, we are proud to announce the opening of our Women's Leadership Center (WLC). In these times of VUCA (volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity), the power of imagination—looking beyond the given, beyond what appears to be unchangeable—is of utmost importance in working toward the realization of well-being for all. Here at the FWU-WLC, we value such power of imagination as we engage in education and research.

We heartily welcome you to join our endeavor to serve as the regional hub for developing women leaders and to this opportunity of exchanging ideas. Let us all imagine what is not yet.



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About the Speakers

Keynote Address

"Unleashing the 'Self' to Lead, to Imagine What Is Not Yet"



Kazuo WAKAMIYA

uni'que Founder / Art Thinking Curator /
Visiting Professor, Fukuoka Women's University

Having worked for an architecture firm, Mr. Wakamiya went on to study aesthetics at the Faculty of Letters at the University of Tokyo, to further explore art at the Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology. While at NTT DoCoMo, then at DeNA, he spearheaded a number of new projects, and in 2017 founded his own company "uni' que", to be awarded "The 2018 Sugoi Venture (the "wow" start-ups) 100". He has written and spoken extensively on start-ups, art-thinking, diversity and communities. He is the author of "Hau Tu Art-Thinking (hows on art-thinking)" and "Art Shikou Doriru (drills on art-thinking)".

Addresses



Yumiko TAMURA

Acting Representative, Asian Development Bank (ADB) Japanese
Representative Office (JRO)
MA in International Economics, Aoyama Gakuin University

Since joining ADB in 1998, her career largely focused on the Mekong countries including 7 years in Viet Nam and 3 years in Myanmar where she led the preparation and implementation of the country partnership strategy, in-country regional cooperation and integration activities, and other development assistance initiatives. As an advisor to the General's, she was involved in ADB-wide strategic matters while in Director General's offices for Southeast Asia and East Asia, she was responsible for all resources management, knowledge creation and sharing, and OneADB activities.



Yukiko MOTOMURA

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Born in Kitakyushu, Fukuoka, Ms. Motomura studied psychology and communication at Kyushu University, and started her journalist career at the Mainichi Newspapers' Kyushu Head Office. Winner of the 2006 Science Journalist Awards (JASTJ Awards), she has been renowned for her work in science communication to the public. Her most recent work is "Kagaku No Torisetsu (how to approach science)", a full-of-wit, easy-to-read essay on everyday science. Her personal account as a cancer survivor has touched many of those in suffering.

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Our History

There were enormous challenges in becoming a university, including fund-raising and licensing procedures. Both the Ministry of Education and the Prefectural Government of Fukuoka initially backed the idea of creating a two-year junior college rather than a four-year university. Nevertheless, the teaching faculty, alumnae, students, and the local community imagined in chorus and worked for what was not yet, resulting in the status being raised to a four-year university. Had it not been for their imagination and work, we would not have become what we are.



Photo: The 1950 Joshi Semmongakko Yearbook



Hiroshi KATAYAMA



Yuichi TASHIRO

The venue is on the first floor of our library-museum, highly renowned for its design ("The Good Design Award, 2015"). Enjoy the bright and open atmosphere surrounded by unique pieces of artwork, including the sculpture works by Yuichi TASHIRO and Hiroshi KATAYAMA.

Open to the general public and FWU community both in-person (limited to 100) and online.

Register online by May 20 at:

[https://forms.gle/
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Online participants will receive the Zoom link by May 26. Might be held online only due to the COVID concerns (TBA by May 26).

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