

Biographical Data

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Current position/function:

- Lawyer in private practice (Athena Law Office in Tokyo, Japan)
- Member, CEDAW (January 2008 to date)
- Member, Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol, CEDAW (January 2009 to date)

Main professional activities:

- Member, Specialist Committee on Violence Against Women, under the Gender Equality Bureau of the Cabinet Office (2001 to date)
- Member, Specialist Committee on Basic Issues and Basic Plan, under the Gender Equality Bureau of the Cabinet Office (2009 to date)
- Board Member, Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning (JOICFP) (2006 to date)
- Member, Advisory Committee for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Tokyo Office (2006 to date)
- Alternate Member, the UN Sub-Commission on the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights (2004 – 2006)
- Deputy President, Women's Bar Association of Japan (2002-2004)
- Advisor to the Japanese government for the UN 4th World Conference on Women (1995, Beijing)

Educational background:

LL.B. Waseda University, 1979

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body

- Visiting Professor of Law, Waseda Law School, Tokyo (2004 to March 2009)
- Lecturer at the United Nations University (UNU) Joint Graduate Course

on “Women and Human Rights” (2008)

- Board Member, Japan Civil Liberties Union (JCLU) (1990 – present), Secretary General (1998-2000)
- Advisory Committee Member, Asian Women’s Fund (1995 – 2003)
- Legal Advisor, Tokyo Rape Crisis Centre (1983- 1997)

List of most recent publications in the field:

- Hayashi, Yoko, “the 30th Anniversary of CEDAW, the achievements and challenges”, *Human Rights Monthly* No. 251 (2009) (in Japanese)
- Hayashi, Yoko, *Protection for Victims under the revised Anti-Domestic Violence Law, the Human Rights Mechanism in Prospect* (Tokyo: Yushindo-Kobunsha, 2007) (in Japanese)
- Hayashi, Yoko & Mutsuko Yoshioka (eds.), *Lectures on Law relating to Gender in Practice*, pp. 321-366, 397-423 (Tokyo: Minjiho Kenkyukai, 2007) (in Japanese)
- Hayashi, Yoko, “The Human Rights Council from the Viewpoint of the Sub-Commission on Human Rights”, *Human Rights International* No. 18, pp. 107-109 (2007) (in Japanese)
- Hayashi, Yoko, “Discrimination against children born-out-of wedlock in terms of inheritance”, *Handbook on Practice of International Human Rights Law* (2007) (in Japanese)
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