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### **Gender equality in Japan: creating opportunities for business and education cooperation (November 29, 2022)**

On November 29, 2022, a webinar addressing the topic of gender equality and diversity in Japan was hosted by JSPS Alumni Club in Norway(JSPS ACN) member Assoc Prof Jennifer Branlat at NTNU. This webinar introduced the work emerging from the international collaboration between involving INTPART project. During the webinar, perspectives from educators and representatives from the Norwegian business community in Japan were presented. Speakers from both academia and the private sector pointed to increased gender equality and the role it can play in high quality research, innovation and education. In Japan Prof Masako Ishii-Kuntz at Ochanomizu University and Norwegian companies DNV Group and Laerdal Medical Japan gave talks. In Norway, Prof Guro Kristensen and the host mediated the discussion. (<https://hkdir.no/arrangement/gender-equality-in-japan-creating-opportunities-for-business-and-education-cooperation>)

### **JSPS ACN events at Arctic Frontiers 2023 Moving North (January 30 - February 2, 2023)**

JSPS ACN member Prof Rasmus Gjedssø Bertelsen at UiT organized three side-events as ACN FY2022 seminar in the Arctic Frontiers 2023 Moving North conference in Tromsø. (1)JustNorth: Implementing Justice Theory for Sustainable Economic Development of the Arctic(2)Great Powers and the North Atlantic: East Meets West (3)Norway-EU Science Diplomacy Network on Science Diplomacy under a Changing World Order. Prof. Kenji Isezaki, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies was invited from Japan as a guest speaker. He gave lectures and joined the panel discussions at each event. Also, he mentored the mentoring Finland-, Iceland- and Norway-based Master's students in the Arctic Frontiers Student Forum program. (<https://www.jsps-sto.com/event/jsps-acn-events-at-arctic-frontiers-2023-moving-north-conference/>)

### **Norway-Japan Academic Network Seminar "Knowledge Triangle in Energy - Research, Education, Business" at UiO (February 15, 2023)**

At the seminar, we were fortunate to have a visit from UiO rector Svein Stølen, who made the opening remarks. The theme of the seminar was post-lithium-ion battery for research and business as well as furthering the Norway and Japanese network for research and education. The main scientific talk was a lecture titled "Grand design of post Li-ion battery" by Professor Shigeto Okada from Kyushu University. We were also fortunate to have other speakers covering themes ranging from the battery industry and electric car market, to educational perspectives on active learning and joint Norway-Japan educational workshops on plasma physics, and institutional collaborations. (<https://www.jsps-sto.com/event/norway-japan-academic-network-seminar/>)

### **Call for FY2023 Seminar Funding (JSPS Alumni Club in Norway)**

JSPS Stockholm Office opened the call "FY2023 Seminar Funding for JSPS Alumni Club (ACN)". This scheme lets regular members of JSPS alumni clubs organize a seminar funded by JSPS. For associated members, you can tell your idea for co-organizing the seminar with the regular members. Stay tuned to the news from JSPS Stockholm Office!

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