In Japan, one fifth of researchers are women. While the proportion of women among researchers in Japan has been increasing, at 20% it is still relatively low.

In Japan, 9% of women’s scholarly output belongs to the top 10% interdisciplinary papers, which is slightly higher than men’s (8%).

“The push for gender equality in Japan is timely... So, if we promote true gender equality, meaning inclusion on an equal basis in terms of both quality and quantity of gender equality, our life will be brighter and many more young men and women will have jobs with opportunities for advancement, while raising children and attaining a better work-life balance. All people should be concerned about making this decisive change towards a new society.”

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