

Women and Sporting Culture in Kumamoto

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MAIN ISSUES IDENTIFIED/DISCUSSED

1 ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE HINOKUNI DECLARATION.

The Hinokuni Declaration will support people's efforts hereafter as a model of practices in Kumamoto.

2 THE EMPOWERMENT OF THE WOMAN

The countermeasures against the poor promotion of women in sports were discussed, aiming at creating a more equitable society in which women will never be hindered from attaining the decision-making levels in any organization.

3 PROMOTION OF A SPORTING CULTURE THROUGH "SPORTS FOR ALL".

In order to form a sporting culture, in which anyone from children to the elderly or those with difficulty can find his/her suitable sports, pilot sports clubs have been founded and are actually functioning towards the idea of "sport for all".

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

1 Ms. Li Gui-feng from Guilin, China.

Provide more and better systems, scientific methods and facilities for young women to be healthy and physically active.

2 Dr. Susan BLACKWOOD from San Antonio, USA.

Establish a youth sport network among our sister cities.

3 Ms. Simone SAGGAU from Heidelberg, Germany.

Promote sport as an effective method of instilling team spirit in children, avoiding geriatric diseases and giving life satisfaction to the elderly.

4 Ms. Kazumi TOKUYAMA from Fukui, Japan.

Introduce new sports, which require few special skills or experiences to attract more women participants.

5 Ms. Anita White from Britain.

Applaud the achievements of those who developed the "Hinokuni Declaration".