**History**

NWEC was established in July 1977 as an institution affiliated to the Ministry of Education. Numerous women's organizations and researchers supported the opening of NWEC.

1977 Establishment of NWEC
1978 Establishment of the Information & International Exchange Division
1979 Opening of the Information Center for Women's Education
1991 Launch of the on-line information retrieval service (Winet)
2001 Conversion to an Independent Administrative Institution
2005 NWEC Gender Statistics Data Book awarded by the Japan Statistical Association
2006 Total number of NWEC users exceeds 3,000,000
2008 Opening of the Women's Archive Center
2010 President of NWEC was awarded for "Chief Cabinet Secretary's Commendation for Efforts toward the Formation of a Gender-equal Society"
2011 Start of the 3rd Five-Year mid-term plan
2016 Start of the 4th Five-Year mid-term plan
2017 Celebrate the 40th anniversary

**Networking**

NWEC has been expanding its partnership with key institution promoting gender equality in Asia.

- Korean Women's Development Institute
- Korean Institute for Gender Equality Promotion and Education
- University of the Philippines Center for Women's Studies
- Women Research Center of Yanbian University
- Ministry of Women's Affairs, Royal Government of Cambodia

Total of 30,249 overseas guests from 173 countries have visited NWEC since the opening to participate in international conferences, exchange programs and study tours (as of March 2020).

**Location and Access**

NWEC is situated in Saitama Prefecture, to the north-west of Tokyo.

- 12 min walk from Musashi Ranzan Station, Tobu Tojo Line
- 70 min from Ikebukuro Station, Tokyo
- 2 hours from Narita/Haneda International Airport

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Center for Gender Equality Promotion
The National Women’s Education Center (NWEC) strives toward the formation of a gender-equal society. Cooperating with organizations and institutions involved in women’s education in Japan and overseas, NWEC functions as a national center to promote training opportunities for leaders in women’s education; opportunities for exchange between groups, both women’s groups and home education support groups. Conducting research on emerging gender issues in Japan and Asian countries, NWEC also collects and disseminates information on women and family.

President:
Fusako UTSUMI

Vision/Mission
National Women’s Education Center (NWEC) was established in 1977 with the aim of promoting women’s education and contributing to the formation of a gender-equal society. For more than 40 years since its founding, NWEC has been conducting training, research, information dissemination and international cooperation.

Programs

Training Programs
Capacity building training programs
- Training Course to Promote Gender Equality for Leaders of Women’s Facilities, Groups and Organizations
- Training Course for Counselors at Women’s Facilities
- Forum on The Promotion of Gender Equality
- Training Course to Promote Gender Equality among University Personnel
- Seminar to Promote Women’s Activities that Lead to Corporate Growth
- Gender Equality Training for Teachers and Staff
- Learning Organizer Development Training

International Programs
Training programs and seminars on global issues
- Seminar for Gender Equality Officers and Women Leaders in Asia
- NWEC Global Seminar
- Workshop Seminar on Promotion of Cooperation on Anti-trafficking Measures in ASEAN countries

Research Projects
Conduct Research on various gender issues
- Panel Research on Initial Career Paths to Promote Active Participation
- Research on Promotion of Active Participation of Female School Teacher
- Research on Education and Learning Support using e-Learning
- Research on Gender Statics

Information Dissemination
Provide information on various gender issues
- Information Center for Women’s Education
  Information Center for Women’s Education collects, organizes and provides information and materials related to gender equality, women and family. As of March 2020, the Information Center’s collection contains 143,326 books; 4,121 periodicals and 501,234 newspaper clippings

- Women’s Information Portal “Winet”
  “Winet” provides various database on NWEC website: https://winet.nwec.jp

- Women’s Archives Center
  The Women’s Archives Center collects and stores materials relating to women nationwide and women’s organizations that made outstanding contributions to the formation of a gender-equal society in Japan.

Women’s Digital Archives System
The catalogue records and digital images of the collection are available at Women’s Digital Archives System.