



Message to the 90th Anniversary of PPSEAWA International

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It is such a privilege for PPSEAWA JAPAN to share in the joy of the 90th Anniversary together with all of our PPSEAWA Sisters.

In August of 1928, *women* gathered in Honolulu in the hope of preventing another World War by fostering understanding and friendship. It was the start of the women's association, known as PPSEAWA today. In Paris, in the same month of the same year, *male* delegates from all over the world assembled and signed the famous "Treaty for Renunciation of War" which abandoned war and called for the peaceful settlement of disputes. But, as it is known for, the Treaty soon became "scraps of paper" and World War II followed. On the other hand, thanks to our predecessors, PPSEAWA has never faltered its resolution of peace for 90 years. So, here we are!

Regrettably, during the course of time, we have experienced days of hardship and misery. But the spirit of PPSEAWA, Peace, Understanding, and Friendship have made us overcome those difficulties, and we have learned the strength of bonds among women.

Japan sent 20 delegates to the 1st Conference in 1928, and since then we have attended every Conference. There are now about 170 members and we take pride in them, including the founder of PPSEAWA Japan, Ms. Taki Fujita, and Dr. Rinko Yamazaki, the International President (1981-84).

Today, due to Globalization, both developed and developing countries are confronted with common problems that must be tackled together. The UN's "Sustainable Development Goals" (SDGs) to end poverty, protect the planet, and reduce inequalities calls for governments of both developed and developing countries to stand with one another. SDGs is also innovative since NGOs as well as civil society and private sectors are recognized to bear the vital role for sustainable development goals.

Let all PPSEAWA members board the same ship and sail towards SDGs with our compass of Peace!

