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March 6 Tokyo Rally to Celebrate the International Women's Day was held at the Bunkyo Community Center, Tokyo. This was the 43rd Tokyo Rally, held every year since 1979.

Report: International Women's Day

Let us fight against the oppression of women further exacerbated by COVID-19 pandemic!

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On March 6, the International Women's Day Rally in Tokyo was held at the Bunkyo Community Center. As in the previous year, to prevent COVID-19 infection, we disinfected the room before use, asked the participants to wear masks, and ventilated the room during breaks. This year marked the 43rd meeting, which has been held since 1979.

The large conference room was beautifully decorated, and the participants

were attracted by fine posters at the entrance. The age group of the participants was high, and it is our future task to appeal to younger generation. It is noteworthy that there were many male participants.

In the beginning, the organizing committee gave a keynote report on the theme "Let us fight against discrimination and attacks against women linked to COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 pandemic is disproportionately hitting the lives of single mothers and non-regular female workers. According to the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, 90,000 people have been laid off or hired off, but the actual number must be much higher, and many of them are women working in the restaurant business and retail service industries. By the end of March, which is the end of the fiscal year, an even greater number of people might be unemployed. In