

# Her Imperial Highness The Crown Princess Visits CAWW

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In the afternoon of July 4, Her Imperial Highness the Crown Princess visited the Center for the Advancement of Working Women. Her visit was a great encouragement for all working women. A summary of her visit is given below.

Ginko Sato, president of the Japan Association for the Advancement of Working Women that runs the CAWW, gave a tour of the Center to Her Imperial Highness.

After giving a brief overview of the CAWW in the hall on the fourth floor Ms. Sato guided Her Imperial Highness to the Working Women's Museum on the third floor. Her Imperial Highness took time to see the documents, models, and photographs illustrating the history of working women from the Meiji era.



The Crown Princess at the Working Women's Museum



The Crown Princess at the Temporary Exhibition, "The Women's Museums and The Women in Norway and Denmark"

Her Imperial Highness then viewed the exhibits of Present and Future of Working Women on the second floor. Ms. Sato explained to Her Imperial Highness about occupations and jobs and introduced one of the simulation programs, "Occupation Research Map".

Her Imperial Highness also received a presentation on aptitude tests, job contents, and placement procedures for a job chosen from the Occupation Research Map.

In the Job Information Room, Ms. Sato briefed Her Imperial Highness on a computer-based job search system, which enables job seekers to find employment opportunities offered by businesses within Tokyo via the Internet.



Lastly, Her Imperial Highness viewed a temporary exhibition, The Women's Museums and The Women in Norway and Denmark, which gave details about women's history of advancement, working women's current situation, women's participation in politics, and men's participation in chores and child rearing in both countries.

After viewing these major exhibits, Her Imperial Highness had a talk with five women in their 30s and 40s who were working as managers position while raising children. Listening to their experiences and the way they balanced work and child rearing, Her Imperial Highness commented on how difficult it must be to manage work and family when their children are ill.



When Her Imperial Highness was leaving CAWW, a large number of women gathered around the entrance of the first floor. Some of them brought their babies, and Her Imperial Highness stopped to speak with them. Her Imperial Highness left CAWW, waving and smiling to all of those gathered at the entrance.