

Message to the March 4 Tokyo Rally Celebrating the International Women's Day 2023
From the Embassy of Cuba in Japan

The Cuban Revolution will enhance the role and rights of women in society

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Dear Comrades:

On behalf of the Embassy of Cuba and myself, I would like to extend the greetings and solidarity to Shiso Undo on the occasion of International Women's Day 2023.

The military conflict in Europe and COVID-19 have generated new problems and aggravated many existing ones in a world plagued by growing inequalities, a lack of real commitment to address threats to the environment, and rising prices for food, medicine, transportation and other essential needs for all countries, especially developing countries.

Despite this panorama and the impact of the U.S. embargo against Cuba, our society has developed a human-centered approach in which women are a fundamental component. One of the latest policies adopted by the Cuban government, after a broad popular consultation process, is the Family Code, in September 2022. This legal instrument not only expands constitutional rights in family and related matters, but also responds to the international commitments assumed by Cuba in ratifying human rights treaties.

In the case of women, the Family Code recognizes the equitable distribution of domestic work, the protection of women's right to decide about their bodies, sexual and reproductive rights, multiparent families, gestational solidarity and advocates paternal responsibility. One of the fundamental elements of this new law is the protection it provides against family violence, particularly gender-based violence.

Women's representation in Parliament is growing steadily: In the present process of candidates' nomination women represent 55,3% compared to 53.4% in the present Parliament.

In these uncertain times, when women's equality and world peace are threatened, international solidarity and mutual understanding are essential to promote human-centered social policies, particularly for women.

I would like to highlight Cuba's commitment to the defense of peace, the opposition to unilateral economic sanctions against any country and the will of the Cuban Revolution to enhance the role and rights of women in society.

Let me take this opportunity to reaffirm, once again, Cuba's support for global efforts to end the discrimination still faced by women and to achieve gender equality.

Sincerely yours,

Miguel Ángel Ramírez Ramos,
Ambassador
(Headline by the editorial office)