



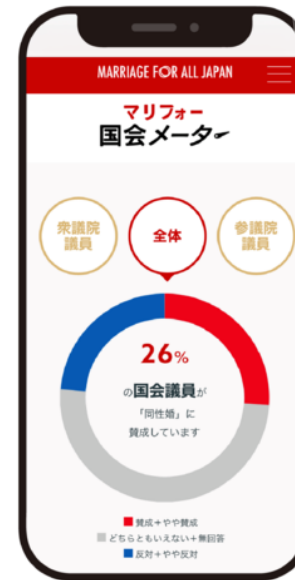
# MARRIAGE FOR ALL JAPAN

#結婚の自由をすべての人に  
#freedom of marriage for all

We aim to achieve marriage equality and a society where everybody can feel safe to live as their authentic selves, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

What can I do? →

## Things you can do as an individual



### Using the Marriage For All Diet Meter, **write** letters to lawmakers!

On the Marriage For All Diet Meter, each current representative's stance on marriage equality (same-sex marriage) is listed. Moreover, before national elections, the stances of all candidates running can be found.

Further, information on how to contact lawmakers is available.



<https://meter.marriageforall.jp/>

I sent a letter to my representative using the Marriage For All Diet Meter. I want them to understand that these are not the stories of people in another world, but the problems faced by people living around you!

-Kawai Yuki-san



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The Marriage For All Diet Meter is accessible here!

### Become a Marriage For All **Supporter**!

We are looking for supporters who will give continuing donations.

You can start donating from ¥1,000 a month (¥33 a day!).

Donations are eligible for donation deduction.

### Go to court **trials** and **events**!

We look forward to your participation in trial observance and events. Information on these will be posted on our social media and website!

Hearing the plaintiffs' testimony from the audience was very moving. I am cheering you on until the very end!

-Kanagawa Chikara-san



I became a monthly supporter with the feeling of wanting to help, even just a little. I look forward to cheering on reading the detailed reports sent to supporters!

-Okamoto Saori-san

### Spread Information!

We post information on places such as Twitter and YouTube. We would appreciate it if you could spread the word about marriage equality (same-sex marriage) to those around you.

Our **Social Media/Website link tree** is available here!



## 公益社団法人 MARRIAGE FOR ALL JAPAN -結婚の自由をすべての人に

An organization established in 2019 by volunteer lawyers (of the "Freedom of Marriage for All" lawsuit) and individuals who want to promote the realization of marriage equality (same-sex marriage). We develop social education projects and activities to promote understanding of sexual minorities.

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## Why we need marriage equality (same-sex marriage)

Having same-sex relationships itself is legal in Japan. However, there are significant obstacles to which only the legalization of same-sex marriage can provide solutions.

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### Inheritance

Since same-sex partners are currently not recognized as spouses in Japan, unless explicitly stated in the partner's will, the surviving partner does not have the right to any form of inheritance including housing.

病気

### Sickness

Same-sex partners may not be recognized as family at hospitals, and therefore are at risk of being excluded from life-or-death decisions or refused to be present as their partner's carer.

親権

### Custody

Even when raising children as a couple, one partner will not be able to be their legal parent.

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### Residence

If one partner is a foreign national, the necessary residency status to live a stable life together in Japan will not be granted.

## Voices For Marriage Equality

Tanaka Akiyoshi-san & Kawata Yuki-san (Kagawa pref.)

We have lived together as partners for 14 years. We are open about our relationship and are accepted in the same way as a heterosexual couple would be, which is quite a rare thing in rural Japan. I bought a house for retirement, but because same-sex couples can't get married in Japan, my partner won't be able to inherit it. I desperately hope to resolve issues like that before we both grow old.



Nishikawa Asami-san & Ono Haru-san (Tokyo pref.)

We have been raising three children together for nearly 18 years. Like all "normal" families, we have been through ups and downs, but our family is not legally recognized as one. When one of us was unable to work due to battling breast cancer, we faced financial difficulty because same-sex partners cannot be treated as dependents. If one of us dies, would the other be able to take custody of the children? The worries are endless.



## The "Freedom of Marriage for All" lawsuit



▲ The plaintiffs and the legal team walking into court

▼ Sapporo landmark ruling in March 2021



Lawsuits began across Japan in 2019 to have the judiciary declare that banning same-sex couples from marrying in Japan is unconstitutional. Not allowing two individuals of the same legal gender to marry infringes on the dignity of the individual and equality, both of which are protected under the constitution, and is a human rights violation. Marriage For All Japan supports the "Freedom of Marriage for All" lawsuits as well as other court cases concerning the legal protection of same-sex couples by sending out information.

## Marriage For All Japan's Activities

### Approaching Lawmakers

In order to increase the number of lawmakers who promote marriage equality (same-sex marriage), we hold meetings with individual lawmakers as well as informational group meetings, and also hold rallies at the Diet Member's Building (MFAJ Diet).



### Events

From appearing at rainbow pride events across Japan to hosting the first ever marriage equality (same-sex marriage) themed film festival in Japan, we host a variety of events to promote marriage equality!

### Approaching Companies

We started "Business for Marriage Equality", a campaign to gather businesses who promote the realization of marriage equality (same-sex marriage) in Japan. As of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, already 246 companies and organizations have joined!



すべてのセクシュアリティのふうふを祝う。11月22日は、

いいふうふの日



#好きな人同士で結婚できないのはなぜですか  
2組のカップルとご家族・友人に「結婚」について語ってもらいました

### Campaigns

We call November 22<sup>nd</sup> "Good Spouses Day" to celebrate all spouses regardless of gender. To celebrate, we have released a special video and held an illustration exhibition. We also have run other campaigns such as creating a minidocumentary about sexual minorities and their families!