

# SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND JAPANESE LAW IN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT

The first sexual harassment case in Japan was decided in 1992. There are some very important development since then. Yet the Japanese Government is still hesitant to ratify ILO Convention No. 190. Why is it so reluctant? Because it goes against the grain of society? Because women still does not have sufficient power within society? When many non-Japanese are joining its labor force, is it possible to stay as it is?



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