

## **DJW Working Group “German Japanese - Professional Women’s Network”**

30<sup>th</sup> of June, 2014 Meeting – Meeting Minutes

Date & Place: June 30th 2014 (Monday), Düsseldorf

This meeting took place prior to the DJW General Assembly on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

The participants gathered at a Cafe in Stadtparkasse in Düsseldorf. All of them are active in the German-Japanese business fields but each of them has a different background and has to do with Germany/Japan from different aspects. Already while introducing each other, participants started to discuss the problems that Japan faces and which they see at their workplaces: Popularity of Japan among young Germans has declined, especially in the educational fields. The topic arose spontaneously and the participants shared their opinions. Although we could not discuss fully due to the limited time and complexity of the topic, it was a very interesting discussion.

Furthermore, T. Ezuka (the group’s coordinator) introduced the working group to all participants. At the end of the gathering, participants requested to have this kind of gathering as a part of a DJW event.

During the General Assembly, T. Ezuka delivered a short speech about the working group and its activity. After the session, we got a lot of positive feedback from different participants (not just from female participants but also from male participants). Two companies have offered us their meeting rooms to use for our group activities (*Kaigishitsu-Project*).