

Protesting President Koji Murata's Statements as Public Hearing Witness.

On July 1, 2015, we established the Doshisha University Feminist • Gender • Sexuality Research Center. It is the first research center in Japan with "Feminist" in its name.

We are proud that the establishment of the Feminist • Gender • Sexuality Research Center, which has as one of its purposes, to contribute to the realization of social justice and to end the century of violence, militarization and war, was formally recognized in Kyoto, at Doshisha University, which started "Conscience Education" based on the Christian spirit.

However, at the public hearing of the House of Representatives special committee, Doshisha University President Koji Murata, in regard to the Security Related Bills, which is strongly questioned as being unconstitutional, stated: "If asked for an opinion at an academic conference consisting of security experts, I think most would give a considerably positive answer".

We, members of the Feminist • Gender • Sexuality Research Center, strongly protest that the president, who represents us members of Doshisha University, expressed an opinion that not only disregards the constitution on which the nation is based, but moreover in a manner that panders to the present government and the powers that be.

President Murata, presented an opinion at the Diet which goes against the spirit on which Doshisha University was founded: Conscience Education and the three principles that support our educational philosophy - Christian Principles, Liberalism, and Internationalism. To the president's repeated statements that sounded as though it is acceptable to disregard the constitution if in the midst of a rapidly changing international situation, we want to respond by upholding Doshisha University's ideals that "it is especially at these times of rapid change that we should not be swayed, but

continue to act based on our true ideals”.

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