

Gender gap and perception in STEM in Okinawa

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Not limited to the STEM field, I would like to report on the gender gap in Japan and changes in life before and after COVID-19 from various aspects.

Okinawa, where I live, is often very different from the so-called "Japan", which has the image of Tokyo, in many parts, such as living and environment.

Since Okinawa is a tropical small island, the agriculture, livestock industry, and tourism are thriving, but there is almost no manufacturing industry. Therefore, Okinawa is known as the poorest prefecture in Japan.

In an attempt to raise the average income of Okinawa, income deductions of up to 40% and tax incentives to promote capital investment have been made. Special economic zones are recognized as areas specializing in the information and telecommunications industry, areas where international logistics bases are concentrated, and areas specializing in economic and financial revitalization.

In panel discussions like this, we often talk about the general situation of "Japan" such as Tokyo.

So, from a slightly different point of view, I will compare the average of Japan and various data of Okinawa and report what is happening in "Okinawa".