



JAPAN

MATAHARA, when maternity leaves you jobless

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SAYAKA OSAKABE, ACTIVIST AGAINST
MATAHARA - SHE WAS A VICTIM TOO



IT MAY SOUND LIKE A JAPANESE WORD TO WESTERN EARS, BUT MATAHARA IS AN ACRONYM CREATED IN JAPAN FROM THE WORDS 'MATERNITY HARASSMENT'. MATAHARA DEFINES THE ATTEMPT OF MANY COMPANIES TO DISMISS WOMEN ONCE THEY BECAME PREGNANT.

DESPITE A LAW GUARANTEEING THE MATERNITY LEAVE, IN JAPAN MORE THAN 65% OF WOMEN GIVE UP THEIR JOB DURING THEIR PREGNANCY. "BETTER: THEY'RE FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR JOBS, WHEN NOT FIRED" SAYS SAYAKA OSAKABE, WHO HAD SUFFERED TWO MISCARRIAGES BECAUSE OF THE STRESS PROVOKED BY HER EMPLOYER. HE TOLD HER SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN FIRED IF SHE HAD LEFT HER JOB FOR THE WEEK SHE NEEDED BECAUSE HER PREGNANCY WAS AT RISK. NOW SAYAKA IS A WOMEN'S RIGHT ACTIVIST, AND THE NUMBER OF JAPANESE WOMEN REPORTING ILLEGAL LAYOFFS IS CONSTANTLY GROWING. THEIR SITUATION IS INDEED STILL HARD IF THEY WANT TO CONTINUE THEIR WORKING CAREER AFTER HAVING A CHILD, AS JAPAN IS ONE OF THE MOST MALE CHAUVINIST COUNTRIES AMONG THE DEVELOPED ONES.



A WOMAN PICTURED IN THE TOKYO SUBWAY



A MOTHER WITH HER SON IN THE
OPEN AIR MUSEUM OF HAKONE

HIROKO MIYAASHITA WITH HER DAUGHTER
AIKA (12 YO). HIROKO WAS A VICTIM OF
MATAHARA WHEN EXPECTING AIKA





AN EMPLOYEE AT THE TOKYO
INTERNATIONAL FORUM

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MOTHER, DAUGHTER AND FRIENDS IN TRADITIONAL DRESSES VISITING THE SENSOJI SHRINE, THE OLDEST IN TOKYO





JOANNA JAKUS, A POLISH ENGLISH TEACHER. SHE HIDDEN HER PREGNANCY UNTIL IT WAS POSSIBLE, AND THEN SHE DIDN'T HAVE HER CONTRACT RENEWED



BABYSITTERS AT THE PARK IN
THE UENO DISTRICT

A YOUNG WOMAN SLEEPING IN THE SUBWAY. WORK SCHEDULES ARE OFTEN QUITE FRANTIC, AND MANY PEOPLE FALL ASLEEP ON THEIR WAY HOME



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PEOPLE HANGING OUT IN THE GOLDEN GAI DISTRICT, COUNTING THOUSANDS OF SMALL CLUBS



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MOTHER AND SON ON A PADDLE BOAT IN THE
LITTLE LAKE OF THE UENO DISTRICT





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A GRANDMOTHER AND HER GRANDDAUGHTER AT THE EXIT OF A NURSERY SCHOOL. IN TOKYO IS NOT EASY TO ACCESS STRUCTURES TAKING CARE OF CHILDREN WHILE THEIR MOTHERS ARE WORKING, SO OFTEN GRANDPARENTS MUST TAKE CARE OF THE KIDS



TWO MOTHERS WITH THEIR SONS WALKING ALONG IN THE UENO DISTRICT. THE BIRTHRATE IN JAPAN IS QUITE LOW (1.2 CHILD PER FAMILY), SO IT'S NOT COMMON TO SEE PARENTS WITH MORE THAN ONE CHILDREN



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