

Hello, I'm Masanori Namba from Jissen Women's University in Tokyo, Japan. I feel so happy and much honored to be here.

Our university has more than 120 years of history, and our motto has remained the same since its beginning: "When women change society, they change the world." I think this message is more important than ever, because the number of women's universities in Japan is decreasing. If nothing changes, we won't survive in the future.

That's why when we learned about Estonia, particularly how the country has developed since restoring independence, and became known for its digital innovation and entrepreneurship, we strongly felt that new possibilities can be found here. We were fortunate to become partners and share a vision with Estonian Entrepreneurship University of Applied Sciences and Clevon.

With this partnership, we are starting something no other women's

universities in Japan can do: prepare opportunities for young women to foster social entrepreneurship. This aligns with Jissen's mission of empowering women to effect societal change. Social entrepreneurship enables students to creatively address issues like climate change and inequality.

We are not just a university, but as an educational institution, we also have junior high and senior high schools, which enables us to implement a strategic 10-year plan to promote foundational principles of innovation and leadership from an early age.

By collaborating with EUAS and Clevon, the partnership aims to inspire bold thinking and cooperative problem-solving, addressing global challenges like sustainability and gender equality, ultimately creating a model for meaningful global collaboration and a more inclusive future.

Thank you.