

The **Association for Women in Finance** presents:

"ACHIEVING BALANCE AS YOU ADVANCE"

with Mitsuru Claire Chino

Executive Officer and General Counsel for Itochu Corporation Tuesday, March 21st 2017, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

This event will be held at Thomson Reuters in Akasaka (see below for details)



In an environment dominated by men, it's even more important for women to maintain their own set of values, build their skills and evaluate themselves objectively to build confidence and advance their careers. It's also vital to maintain this in their personal as well as their professional lives. Come and hear Claire describe how she balanced her own life while progressing in her career.

As Executive Officer and General Counsel for Itochu Corporation, a Fortune Global 500 corporation with over 40,000 employees worldwide, Claire is the first female executive officer of any major trading company. Before taking that role in 2013, she was a partner at an international law firm.

She is active in communities outside of her work, including the Asia Society (Asia 21) and Davos (Young Global Leaders). While spending many hours in a Japanese organization is comfortable for her, she says it can sometimes lead to short-sightedness, so she feels it is vital to break away from that by mingling with people from outside of work to receive new energy.

Claire is also a classically trained singer and was a finalist in the Tokyo Voice Competition in 2007. Singing is a good way to relieve stress and keep her life balanced. She gives annual recitals at Suntory Hall in Tokyo, with the proceeds donated to charity.

In 2011, Claire taught at Cornell Law School as a Distinguished Practitioner in Residence. She has also been active in promoting women's interests in corporate Japan and was instrumental in initiating a diversity program within Itochu. She is a graduate of Smith College and Cornell Law School.

Doors open at 7:00 pm. Speaker starts at 7:30 pm. Media policy: please note that this event will be off the record.

Register online by <u>Thursday</u>, <u>March16th</u>, <u>2017</u>: https://awftokyo.wufoo.eu/forms/achieving-balance-as-you-advance/

Cost inclusive of buffet, wine and soft drinks:

Members and employees of corporate member firms: ¥2,000

Student Members: ¥1,000 (with I.D.) / Guests: ¥4,000

Please send any cancellations before the signup deadline so that we are able to adjust the catering costs. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.