



Kono Yasui

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Kono Yasui's father was a founder of Keio University and encouraged his daughter to further her education. She was taught at home when the education system did not provide the training she needed.

In the U.S. she studied at the University of Chicago and worked with colleagues at Harvard before returning to Japan. She also worked at Tokyo Imperial University, and Ochanomizu University.

Yasui greatly contributed to field of cytology. She helped start the journal "Cytologia" and became an editor. She published 99 papers over her career

A WOMAN OF FIRSTS

Doctorate

Kono Yasui was the first Japanese woman to earn her PhD in 1927. She was eventually awarded the Purple Ribbon and Order of the Precious Crown.



Publications

Kono Yasui was the first female to publish in a Japanese scientific journal and the first Japanese woman to publish in a foreign journal.



Scholarship

Dr. Yasui and Dr. Kuoda, the first two female PhD's in Japan, started a scholarship to support and encourage women to study natural science.



"Blessed by the understanding of those around me and with nothing to encumber me, I have simply plodded along a path of my own choosing" -Kono Yasui

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