



Happy New Year 2016!

The year 2015 was the first full year I worked as “freelancer” and I enjoyed every minute of it. My activities included seminars/workshops for the companies/organizations, work as outside board member, course and programs I do for KMD and for ICS I used to be a faculty, international forums and conferences of the World Economic forum, Women Corporate Directors, ADB etc.

Projects I initiated which has continued over the years include Global Agenda Seminar series at Roppongi Academy Hills and monthly sessions of Davos Experience in Tokyo series.

The year 2015 also gave me more opportunities to write online columns, interview articles, Op-Ed and newspaper column. I struggled to keep on writing and at the same time appreciating the opportunities. My online column series on Nikkei BP Biz College took the form of a book (in Japanese.)

Renewal of my blog into the website <http://www.yokoishikura.com/english> with the help of the team of four was a major event for me as it now lists my blog entries, seminars, media as well as my profile and contact details.

I manage my own schedule and activities, which is great. This year, however, I became too ambitious (or out of touch?) and had to cancel trip and dinner few times because I was too exhausted. I do NOT cancel things, so it was unheard of me!

For the year 2016, I want to add something new for seminars/workshops I have run in the past as well as try something totally new. I want my travel extended to some exotic places beyond my “second homes” in New York, British Columbia and Asian cities. Probably I need to take some time before jumping into things!

As for my family front, I had two happy events. My father celebrated 94th birthday few days ago and I joined my family in upstate New York at the wedding of my youngest step son in October. I still have one missing piece...

Have a great year 2016.

Yoko
New Year's Day 2016 in Tokyo