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Japan Transport Safety Board

As one of her external activities, she participates as a member of the Japan Transport Safety Board (Aircraft). Their mission is to investigate the cause of accidents and major incidents involving aircrafts, and examine how to prevent these from reoccurring. She takes part in these activities from a human factors perspective. It can be said that human factors developed together with aviation safety, and while working for this board, there is a lot she learns from actual incidents. She also considers it to be a setting where there is a great obligation to pass on knowledge and research from human factors.

The photograph on the left was taken during a panel discussion of the commemorative symposium to mark the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Japan Transport Safety Board (with the merger of the Aircraft and Railway Accidents Investigation Commission [ARIC] and the cause-identification section of the Japan Marine Accident Inquiry Agency [JMAIA]), at which she struggled to manage the time and had to graciously interrupt influential members while they were making statements. The photograph on the right is from a hike she went on to Mount Osutaka during the summer to pay her respects to those who died. (Japan Airlines Flight 123 crashed there on Aug. 12, 1985)



Miwa Nakanishi's ON and OFF

Always doing her best for everything.
Work and play are fun because they're done in earnest.



While attending an international conference...

The photograph above was taken in Poland (Kraków). The photograph on the right was taken in Italy (Venice). One of the things that motivated her to get into this line of work may have been the many opportunities to travel abroad. She occasionally meets students who graduated from her laboratory, and while at international conferences, there are many chances for them to laugh and recall the past, talking about how things and people were.

Everyone eats lunch together

In general, everyone in her laboratory goes to eat lunch together at the cafeteria. Even if the members were having heated discussions at seminars until moments before, during lunch, all this is forgotten and instead, conversations on topics such as professional baseball, idols, and family are had. She hopes that her laboratory will be a place where the students meet people with whom they will become friends for life (just as it was for her).

