

JNC/ICSW • International Division/JNCSW
Project Report (April 2008 – March 2009)

I JNC/ICSW

1. ICSW Membership Fee 2008

JNC/ICSW, together with Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, paid its share of ICSW membership fee 2008; US\$20,000.00-, equivalent to 16.5% of total membership fee income of the HQ of ICSW.

2. Participation to the 33rd ICSW Global Conference and other related meetings

From June 30 to July 4, 2008, the 33rd ICSW Global Conference was held in Tours, France under the theme of “The Dynamics of Social Welfare in Globalization: lessons from the past, challenges for today and tomorrow.” Ms. Ritsuko Nagao, Chairman of the Board, Mr. Chikashi Matsuju, Executive Director, and Dr. Toshio Tatara, Director of JNC/ICSW participated in this conference as well as the ICSW North East Asia Regional Conference and General Assembly.

3. Domestic/International Information Service in Social Welfare Field

1. Provision of information via website

Domestically, information on ICSW North East Asia Regional Conference 2007 (Korea), 33rd Global Conference of ICSW (Tours, France), and *Global Cooperation*, etc. has been distributed via website.

Internationally, social welfare information in Japan including HCR and activities of JNC/ICSW was distributed via website.

2. Distribution of *The Status Quo of Foreign Workers in the Health and Social Care Sector in the U.K., Germany and the Netherlands* (in Japanese) edited by Dr. Toshio Tatara, et al.

4. International exchange

At the end of November 2008, JNC/ICSW supported a technical visit of JNCSW (13 participants in total) to Japan by arranging lectures about activities of Japanese councils of social welfare, meetings with staff members of local councils of social welfare, etc.

II International Division/JNCSW

1. For the Development of Social Welfare in Asia

(1) The 25th Asian Social Welfare Workers' Training Program

From March to January, 2008, the 25th Asian Social Welfare Workers' Training Program was held for about 9 months, and four (4) trainees from Indonesia, Korea, Philippine and Taiwan, respectively completed the program. (There was another one from Sri Lanka who quitted in the midst of the program.)

After Japanese language lessons, they separately had on-the-job training in three different social welfare institutions.

(2) Selection and invitation of trainees for the 26th Asian Social Welfare Workers' Training Program

Cooperating with recommender in each country, recommended four (4) trainees from Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan and Thailand, respectively were invited, and they came to Japan at the end of February 2009.

(3) Support programs for ex-trainees

① Publication of Newsletter *Kibou*

Kibou No. 48 and No.49 including various news about social welfare support program in Asia were published and distributed to social welfare workers in Japan and overseas countries.

② Grant Program for the Ex-Trainees of Asian Social Welfare Workers' Training Program

Financial support (¥2,000,000- in total) was given to seven (7) organizations in four (4) countries (Korea, Philippine, Sri Lanka and Thailand) where ex-trainees were working. This program owes to the donation from social welfare-related organizations in Japan.

③ Follow-up Training for Ex-Trainees

An ex-trainee from Korea was selected, and she had a special training on the social welfare for people with disability in Japan for about a month.

2. Welfare Support Program for Sumatran Earthquake & Tsunami Disaster

The meeting of the Committee of Welfare Support for Sumatran Earthquake & Tsunami Stricken Area was held on August 6, 2008. During the meeting, progress of projects in each country since the initial stage was reported, and it was decided that financial support (¥16,320,000- in total) would be given to three (3) organizations in Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Thailand, respectively as the grant for the 4th year (from September 2008 to August 2009) of this program.

3. The Korea-Taiwan-Japan Conference of Non-Governmental Social Welfare

Organization (the 13th Tri-Lateral Conference)

It was held from September 22 to 24, 2008 in Japan, 47 people in total (Japanese delegates: 20, Korean delegates: 12, Taiwanese delegates: 13, and others) participated in the conference.

Presentation from each country was given about declining birth rate and aging society. Active Q & A session and discussion were seen after each presentation.