

# **Activities Report of Public interest incorporated association Friends of WHO JAPAN in the fiscal year of 2018**

**(from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019)**

## **I. Outline of the activities**

In the fiscal year of 2018, we continued to hold forums, etc., which are the main projects of Public interest incorporated association Friends of WHO JAPAN, publish magazines, collaborate with relevant organizations, and engage in human resource development projects in order to contribute to the promotion of the health of the people through the spread of the spirit of the WHO Charter.

The outline of the activities is described below in accordance with Article 4 (Activities) of the Articles of Incorporation.

### **1. Enlightenment activities** (organization of forums on health, etc. and dissemination of the spirit of the WHO Charter, and enlightenment activities such as publication of the journals)

① The Website was expanded and the E-mail Magazine was sent on the Website. The Website disclosed and updated the basic information on our organization, information on the WHO Charter and its organization, and the contents of our journal. The website was published and disseminated information transmitted by the WHO on an ongoing basis.

### **2 One hundred cases of news** (61 in the previous year) were sent out.

2) Mail magazines were issued 19 times (No. 153 to No. 171).

The number of distribution destinations increased to 2987 by increasing 362 in comparison with the previous year.

3) The key fact parts of the Fact Sheet, which are available on the WHO website as basic information for the general public on diseases and health issues, were translated into Japanese, based on the translation rights granted in March 2014 by the WHO Headquarters. If revisions are made to meet the latest conditions, they were released on our website. In this fiscal year, 80 revisions and additions were conducted made.

We have also introduced an on-line AI translator T400 (by Rosetta) for the to translation

of the full text of the Fact Sheets in the near future.

4) The SSL (https) was implemented at all times to improve the security of the website.

② Forum: The Forums were held three times with the aim of deepening understanding of the WHO and raising health awareness.

- 1) The WHO Association of Japan forum of "What is Universal Health Coverage (UHC) ?" was held on August 5, 2008 at Saraya Medical Training Center, Osaka with 51 participants.
- 2) The 22nd Kansai Infectious Diseases Forum was held, co-sponsored by WHO Association of Japan on July 14, 2008 at the NHK hall with, 945 participants.)
- 3) The Seminar on Promoting Contributions to Human Resources: SDGs, Private Companies and Technologies was held by joint project with the Japan Association of International Health, Students (jaih-s) on September 29, 2018 at Osaka City University Center for Cultural Interchanges with, 67 participants.

③ The journal entitled "Visual WHO " has been published continuously and distributed to members, participants in the event, and the National Diet Library and other local government libraries. The contents of the journal were released on our website (it is planned to be released six months after the publication from No. 68).

- Forum 66, 'Let's extend the healthy life expectancy-prevent the frail', Forum 67, 'Become Universal Health Coverage', and others.

- No. 68 Child Deaths, Introduction of WHO Cooperation Centers in Japan, Event Reports, etc. In order to increase the attractiveness of the journal, editorial committee was held from time to time to implement the following reforms from No. 68 in order to promote reforms. In addition, an Adobe InDesign has been introduced to make editorial work more efficient.

- New designs, reviews of content, pay copy, granting of ISSN numbers, etc.

④ We participated in the exhibition at the One World Festival, the largest international collaboration and exchange festival in Western Japan (February 2-3, 2009), for the first

time and deepened exchanges with a large number of citizens and related organizations.

- In the program exhibition, a WHO internship briefing session was held entitled “ Spread your full wings to the World of International Health and Medical Care!” At the booth exhibition, the organization, activities, the Charter of the WHO and SDGs efforts by the WHO were introduced, and WHO publications were exhibited, pamphlets and our magazines were distributed, and activities were introduced.

⑤ Other enlightenment activities: The secretariat regularly received inquiries about WHO-related information by e-mail or telephone, and conducted enlightenment activities by providing guidance on how to search the WHO website while clarifying our position in relationship to the WHO as well as our ethics guidelines.

**2. Research projects** (commissioned, mediated, consigned, and subsidized research related to health, research projects, and recommendations based on research results)  
During the current fiscal year, commissioned research was not carried out.

**3. Collaboration projects** (collaboration projects such as liaison, coordination, and cooperation with corporations, organizations, and individuals engaged in social contribution activities related to health in Japan and overseas)

① Licensed nominal support for the following and cooperated with the project.

- WORLD DIABETES DAY "Osaka" 2018
- Maternal and Child Health Handbook 70th Anniversary Symposium
- 11th International Conference on Maternal and Child Health Handbooks
- 26th One World Festival
- UN English Proficiency Test
- The 41st National Dental Prevention Convention In AKITA

③As part of the activities of the Osaka City Health Bureau's "Sukoya Partners," we participated in opinion exchange meetings and other events held by other organizations, and publicized the activities of Friends of WHO JAPAN.

**4. Support projects** (activities to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the WHO project, contributions to revenue from donations, and cooperation activities)

In order to promote the elimination of AIDS, fund raising activities were continued using forums and other opportunities. The collected amount of ¥6,015 was donated to the AIDS Prevention Foundation.

**5. Human resource development activities** (human resource development activities, including training and support for human resources that will improve the health of people in Japan and overseas)

① With the aim of promoting human contributions from Japan to increase the number of people who work in the field of international health, including the WHO, we held a forum entitled "Japanese Enterprises x SDGs ~ International Health for Technologies" in cooperation with the Students' Association of the Japan Association for International Health.

② Activity support grants (¥100,000/person) were provided to six persons who applied for financial assistance in WHO internships.

Affiliation, precedence and duration of supporters are as follows.

-Nagoya City University, Office of Cambodia, 2018.4.2-6.29

-Emory University Graduate School of Public Health, Office of WHO Laos, 2018.5.28-8.17

-University of Kyoto, Headquarters of WHO, 2018.8.1-10.31

-University of Nagasaki, Regional Office of WHO Western Pacific, 2019.1.9-4.5

-University of Tokyo, Regional Office of WHO Western Pacific, 2019.2.4-5.3

-University of Hyogo HW Southeast Asia Regional Office, 2019.2.1-3.15

③ A new standing committee was started this year with the aim of providing a forum for free and open discussions on various issues related to global health, which manages the gathering of Kansai Global Health, from all angles. The committee operates from planning to implementation.

- First forum: Death of children within the context of global disparity (on January 9, 2019, 35 participants)

- Second forum: Cooperation between the public and private sectors in International Health (for example, immunization) (March 7, 2019, 26 participants)

**6. Other activities** (other activities necessary to achieve the purpose of Friends of WHO JAPAN)

1) Membership in the Kansai SDGs Platform was made in order to promote SDGs initiatives.

2) Participated in events held by related organizations and groups to deepen exchanges.

- WHO Kobe Center World Health Day Event "New Research Presentation" and the Osaka Pharmaceutical Business Club General Conference

- Discussion with JST Science and Technology Agency on the Determinants of Social Health

- UHC Industry-Academic Public Creation Symposium

**II General meeting of members** was held on June 18, 2018 and the Board of Directors. The proposals for the fiscal year 2017 activities report and the settlement of accounts were approved, and the inauguration of new directors and auditors was approved.

In addition, its activities plan and income and expenditure budget for FY2018 were reported.

**7. Board of Directors' meetings in FY2018** were held 8 times (of which three were Electromagnetic Board of Directors' meetings) to make decisions necessary for the execution of the activities of corporations.

With regard to the business activities report and the settlement of accounts, the Board of Directors approved it at a meeting held on May 21, 2018 , after audited by the Auditors in accordance with Article 46 of the Articles of Incorporation.

The activities plan and budget for FY2019 were approved by the Board of Directors on 14 February 2019.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors on September 25, 2016, the Board of Directors approved the establishment of the Regulations Governing the Duties and Authority of Executive Directors. At the same time, the Board of Directors appointed newly director in charge of finance and director in charge of general affairs and director in charge of general affairs.

Subsequently, the Board of Directors, Vice President, Executive Director, and

Secretariat convened a activities execution meeting every month to promote the smooth execution of corporate operations.

**8. The establishment of the Articles of Incorporation** and the following regulations were approved.

- Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation (multiple Representative Directors, change the name of the person who affixes his/her seal to the minutes of the Board of Directors).
- Regulations on the authority/responsibility of Executive Directors (enacted).
- Regulations on the Name Use of Support, etc. (enacted),

**9. The number of members** as of the end of this fiscal year and the increase or decrease from the previous fiscal year is as follows.

Regular Members (Individuals-2), Full Members (Corporations-3), Support Members (Individuals-40), Support Members (Students+2), Support Members (Corporations-7) as of the end of FY2018

The number of employees (Secretariat) has decreased to 2 from the previous 5 since October 2018.