

Activities Report of “Friends of WHO JAPAN” in the fiscal year of 2019

(from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020)

I Business Overview

In the fiscal 2019, we continued activities such as holding forums, etc., which are the main projects of Friends of WHO Japan, publishing magazines, collaborating with related organizations, and human resource development projects, in order to contribute to the health of the peoples by disseminating the spirit of the WHO Charter.

The following is a summary report in accordance with Article 4 (Activities) of the Articles of Incorporation.

1. Enlightenment business

(Holding of forums on the dissemination of the spirit of the WHO Charter and health, and activities to raise awareness of public relations in the magazine, etc.)

① Expansion and improvement of our Website and Distribution of Mail Magazine

On the website, the basic information on our organization, information on the WHO Charter and the organization, and the content of the journals were disclosed and updated as necessary, and information disseminated from the WHO was sequentially published and disseminated.

1) WHO news was sent out on 235 occasions (100 in the previous fiscal year).

2) The e-mail magazine was issued 23 times (No. 172-194).

The number of distribution destinations increased by 229 from the previous fiscal year to 3216.

3) On the WHO website, the key fact section of the Fact Sheet, which is published as essential information for the general public on citizens and health issues, was translated into Japanese based on the translation rights granted by the WHO headquarters in March 2014, and was revised and disclosed on the website on each revision. In this fiscal year, 94 reviews and revisions were made.

In the near future we have a plan to cover the Fact Sheets in full translation of Japanese and continued translated manuscripts by using an on-line automated translator T400 (Rosetta).

4) Preparatory works were made for the overall renewal of the Web site.

5) The monthly number of page views of the websites has increased by about 5,000 in average from the previous year ago

However, the impact of the new coronavirus infection was influential, exceeding 100,000 in January and 158,000 in March.

② Holding forums

Four forums were held to facilitate better understanding of WHO and raise concerns about health.

1) On Saturday, July 13, 2019, the 23rd Kansai Infectious Diseases Forum (co-hosted)
(venue; NHK Hall, number of participants: 789)

2) On Wednesday, August 28, 2019, TICADVII's official side event "UHC: The Future of Japan and Africa" Dialogue and Learning (co-sponsored with Saraya Co., Ltd.)

(Place; Pacifico Yokohama Annex Hall C Venue, 60 participants)

- 3) On Saturday, September 28, 2019, the "2025 challenges: Approaches from Economic and Policy Perspective," a seminar to promote joint planning and contribution to human resources with the Student Subcommittee of the Japan Society of International Health and Medical Science (jaih-s)

(Hosting location: Osaka City West City Center, 34 participants, Osaka Yakugyo Club grant program)

- 4) The first Oral Health Seminar (sponsored by Saraya Co., Ltd.) , Friday, October 18, 2019.

(Host location: Saraya medical training center, participants: 105)

③ Publication of journals

The bulletin "Visual WHO" in new design was published 3 times and distributed to members and participants in events, as well as sent to the National Diet Library and other local libraries, and also published on the website (6 months later).

- For the purpose of creating attractive pages, the table was changed as follows.
Board members' greetings, feature articles, seminars and event reports, WHO Intern reports and contributed articles by WHO cooperation centers (Japan), WHO staff working diaries, WHO news (past 3 months), Kansai Global Health meeting report, and Others
- In addition, printing was full-colored from the summer issue (No. 69).
- The Editorial Committee was regularly organized under the year's plan. Committee's members are allocated to each task according to the design of pages from the request for writing to the completion of proofreading
The manuscript was prepared and supported by two student supporters.
- From the summer issue (No.69), most workload of mailing to our members was outsourced to reduce costs and operational efficiency.

④ Participation in the One World Festival (February 1-2, 2020)

We exhibited at the One World Festival, the largest festival of international cooperation and exchange in western Japan, and deepened exchanges with many citizens and related organizations.

- 1) Program Exhibition 1: Friends of WHO Japan's Intern Report Meeting with a title of "Aim WHO"
- 2) Program Exhibition 2; Osaka Medical Interpretation Panel Discussion
- 3) At the booth exhibition, we introduced the WHO's organizations, activities, charter, and efforts for SDGs, as well as the WHO's publications, and also distributed pamphlets and the bulletin of the juridical person

⑤ Other educational programs

The Secretariat received daily inquiries about WHO-related information via e-mail and telephone, and while clarifying the position of the Association, the Secretariat responded to the questions on the search method of the WHO website.

The number of inquiries is as follows.

- About 150 non-new coronaviruses
- New coronavirus-related (January-March); approx. 400

2. Research business

(Consignment, arrangement, consignment, and subsidy of research on health, and research projects such as proposals based on research results)

The contract research was not conducted this year.

3. Collaborative business

(Collaboration projects for liaison, coordination, and cooperation with companies, organizations, and individuals engaged in social contribution activities related to health both in Japan and overseas)

① Granted the nominal use of sponsorship for the following and cooperated with the business.

- 19th Simulated United Nations Conference Kansai Conference
- Osaka University, UNESCO chair, Health and Education for the Global Age (Global Health & Education)

Open workshop

- "Global Health Student Seminar" at Konan University of Science and Technology in Hong Kong
- 27th One World Festival (One World Festival Steering Committee)
- 20th International Seminar on Medical Care and Religions
- 34th International Society of Health and Medical Sciences of Japan
- 78th Session of the General Assembly of the Japanese Society of Public Health, "No national borders on public health"
- World Diabetes Day "Osaka" 2019
- United Nations English Language Test Fiscal 2020, United Nations English Language Examination Junior Test Fiscal 2020
- 42nd National Tooth Decay Prevention Meeting in Niigata
- Promotion of neonatal health checkups

② As an activity of "Sukoyaka Partner" of Osaka City Health Bureau, we participated in the discussion meeting and the event of other organizations to publicize the activity of this association.

In commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the "Sukoyaka Partner" system, we received a letter of appreciation from the director of the Osaka City Health Bureau.

③ We decided to participate as a collaborative organization for the World Wide Learning (WWL) project of Osaka University of Education.

4. Support business

(Support Programs for Fund-raising Activities and Contribution of Fund-raising Revenues to Contribute to the Achievement of WHO's Business Objectives, etc.)

In order to eradicate AIDS, the Association continued its fund-raising activities at forums and other occasions, and donated a total of 12,220 yen to the AIDS Prevention Foundation.

5. Human resources development business

(Human Resource Development Programs for Human Resource Development and Assistance for Improving Health in Japan and Overseas)

- ① A forum "Approach from the economic and policy viewpoint of 2025 problems" was held together with the Student Subcommittee of the International Society of Health Medicine, by promoting human contributions to increase human resources active in the fields of WHO and other international health from Japan.
- ② Activity support grants (¥100,000/person) were provided to one person who requested assistance for the WHO internship.

The names, affiliations, precedents and periods of the supporters are as follows:

- Chiaki Murase, Graduate School of Medicine, Nagoya University, WHO Headquarters, August 5-9.13

With regard to the support of Mr. Yuri Ikeda, who was approved at the Board meeting in September (5th year student at the Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Kyoto University), was canceled due to the reasons of WHO Headquarters

- ③ Gathering of Kansai Global Health

Bimonthly meetings were held to provide a venue for free and vigorous discussion on global health issues from all angles.

The committee was organized and managed from planning to implementation.

6. Other businesses

(Other projects necessary for the achievement of the purposes of the Association)

- 1) Participated in the events of related organizations and deepened exchanges.

- Nikkei SDG Seminar
- UNESCO chair, Osaka University
- Osaka YAKUGYO Club Meeting

II General meeting, board of directors, etc.

1. On June 17, 2019, the Regular General Meeting of the Members was held to approve the proposals for the 2018 business report and the settlement of accounts, and to approve the appointment of Dr. Shigeo Shigematsu, Mr. Kenji Ota, Mr. Tetsuhiko Fujigaki, and Mrs. Hiroe Takahashi.

Amendment of the Articles of Incorporation (Article 38 adding provisions concerning the Business Execution Meeting) was approved.

In addition, the project plan and the budget for fiscal 2019 were reported.

2. The Board of Directors were held seven times in fiscal 2019 (including three on-line meetings) and adopted resolutions necessary for the execution of corporate operations.

The business report and settlement of accounts were audited by the auditors in accordance with Article 46 of the Articles of Incorporation, and then approved at the Board meeting held on May 20, 2019.

The FY 2020 business plan and budget were approved by the Board of Directors on February 26, 2020. President, Vice President, Executive Director and Secretariat held eight Executive Committee meetings to facilitate the smooth execution of corporate operations.

3. Consultations with the WHO Regional Secretariat for the Western Pacific (WPRO) to build sustainable relations

In November, the President visited WPRO, Manila, where he met with Executive Director Ken Kasai and others on the following.

- Past cases in which the logo of the WHO was used by the Association without the approval of WHO
- English name of the Association
- Current activities of the Association, etc.

The Board approved the new English name of the Association as "Friends of WHO Japan" and sent the resulting document to WPRO in March, together with a list of officers, summary of activities, ethical guidelines, advertising guidelines, financial statements, business plans and business reports translated into English.

Necessary discussions toward the conclusion of the MOU will continue.

4. Regular on-site inspections by the Cabinet Office

On December 12, 2019, we were on-site inspected by the Cabinet Office Public Utility Certification Committee, and some points were commented, but no reports were requested.

5. Current status of members

The number of members as of the end of this fiscal year and changes from the previous fiscal year are as follows.

Type of members	Regular Members (Individuals)	Regular Members (Corporations)	Supporting member (individual)	Supporting member (student)	Supporting Members (Corporations)
End of fiscal 2018	42	19	229	4	55
End of fiscal 2019	38	18	232	6	50
Increase/Decrease	△4	△1	+3	+2	△5