

Activity Report

(April 2015~March 2016)

Japanese National Committee, ICSW/ Japan National Council of Social Welfare

JNC/ICSW

1. Cooperation and Collaboration with ICSW Global Office/NEA Region

1) Election

JNC/ICSW participated in the election for the ICSW President.

JNC/ICSW requested additional opinion paper on ICSW finance from the ICSW President candidates.

2) Participation in NEA Regional Conference and NEA Business Meetings

JNC/ICSW executives and staff members, 4 persons, participated in the NEA Regional Conference held in Hong Kong, November 5 –6, 2015.

A presentation on Japan's long term care policy and programs was made by Ms. Satomi Yukawa, the Executive Director of the Rikushin-kai Social Welfare Corporation.

JNC/ICSW executives and staff members, 4 persons, also participated in the NEA business meeting held in Hong Kong at the time of NEA Regional Conference on November 5th.

3) Communication among ICSW Global Office/NEA Region

JNC/ICSW actively responded to various inquiry/information requests etc., from the ICSW Global Office and NEA President. I.e. Newsletter; membership request from Mongolia, etc.

2. Promotion and Support of International Exchange and Cooperation in Social Welfare Field

JNC/ICSW (JNCSW), along with International Division of JNCSW, has been assisting overseas missions interested in learning social service/policy conditions in Japan by providing information on social welfare services in general, by coordinating programs to visit social welfare service programs/institutions and/or by coordinating lectures. Assistance has been provided to social welfare service missions from Japan visiting overseas countries to learn about their social service/policy situations.

(1) Support for Program Coordination for Missions from Overseas

Upon requests from NEA members, and other overseas social welfare organizations JNC/ICSW assisted program arrangements. Followings are some examples.

- 1) Lecturing for a group of students from The Hong Kong Institute of Education upon request from the Japan NPO Center (May2015)
- 2) Program coordination for the study mission of the Korean association of the senior citizen's welfare centers (August 2015/via KNCSW)
- 3) Program coordination for the study mission of theTaiwan's family association of persons with intellectual disabilities (October 2015/via ex-trainees of ASWWTP)
- 4) Program coordination for the study mission of thePok Oi Hospital Chan Feng Men Ling Care & Attention Home, Hong Kong (November 2015/via HKCSS)

(2) Support for Program Coordination for Japanese Missions Visiting Overseas

JNC/ICSWassisted liaison and program coordination for some associations of social welfare corporations etc., visiting Thailand and other Asian countries.

3. Provision of Information on Social Welfare Domestically and Internationally

Using our website, *Global Cooperation*, *NEA Newsletter* and other materials havebeen disclosed for general public.

International Division/JNCSW

In addition to the ICSW related activities, Japan National Council of Social Welfare conducts various programs, especially to Supporting Development of Social Welfare in Asia.

1. Supporting Development of Social Welfare in Asia

1) The 32nd Asian Social Welfare Workers' Training Program (ASWWTP)

5 trainees fromKorea,Taiwan, Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines completed their 11-months trainingprogram on social services in Japan at the end of Feb. 2016.After receiving intensive Japanese training,trainees were placed to a few social welfare institutions for their field experiences, short term and long term, respectively.

2) The 33rd Asian Social Welfare Workers' Training Program

5 trainees from Taiwan, Korea,Indonesia, Sri Lankaand Thailand have started their program from the end of March 2016.They are now receiving intensive Japanese training. They will be placed to social service institutions for their on-the-job experiences starting in July 2016.

3) Grant Program for Ex-trainees of ASWWTP

In FY 2015 some 13 projects in 5 countries, Indonesia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Taiwan, were provided with grant based on the project proposal submitted by ex-trainees. The grant program has been implemented to support and to upgrade conditions of social welfare services in countries where the Ex-trainees of ASWWTP have come from.

For FY 2016, 7 projects in 4 countries will be subsidized.

4) Follow-up training program for Ex-trainees of ASWWTP

In FY 2015 2 ex-trainees from Taiwan and Malaysia were provided with opportunity to re-visit Japan for the Follow-up training program for ex-trainees. Based on their purpose/theme for revisit submitted at the time of proposal, they were placed at social welfare corporations providing elderly care services, as well as at social welfare corporations providing services for persons with disabilities, respectively.

5) Regional Seminar for Ex-trainees of ASWWTP

For FY 2015, Regional Seminar on Community-Based Social Development was organized in Thailand, July 14 – 16, 2015, by a group of Thai ex-trainees, with a purpose of strengthening the network among ex-trainees as well as to promote mutual understanding and learning. There were some 14 overseas participants from Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Sri Lanka, 15 Thai participants, and 2 observers from JNCSSW.

6) ASWWTP Newsletter “Kibo”

To maintain liaison and communication among ex-trainees and people interested in ASWWTP, Newsletter “Kibo” was issued for 3 times in FY 2015.

2. Supporting Disaster Stricken Areas of the Philippines/Nepal

(1) 2013 Typhoon Haiyan / Yolanda in the Philippines

A fund was raised from social welfare related organizations and people concerned by the Japan National Council of Social Welfare for the 2013 Typhoon Stricken Areas in the Philippines, and to manage this Welfare Support Fund, a Committee has been formed. The fund has been allocated to 7 organizations in 2014 and 2015 respectively, based on the project proposals submitted through the Ex-trainees of ASWWTP.

In December 2015, a few Committee members visited the Filipino organizations conducting the projects with the subsidies from Japan to see the progress of community rehabilitation projects.

Total amount of the grant provided to the Filipino organizations from the Support Fund accumulated to some 66 million yen at the end of FY 2015.

(2) April 2015 Nepal Earthquake

In responding to the voice from people in social welfare field in Japan that they would like to contribute to the livelihood reconstruction process of the people of disaster stricken areas at the time of April earthquake in Nepal, the Community Chest of Japan along with the Japan National Council of Social Welfare co-launched the fund raising campaign from June 2015. A Committee was formed to manage the fund and so far, grant will be allocated to some 6 Japanese non-profit organizations deploying reconstruction projects in Nepal based on the proposal submitted by these organizations.

3. Tri-Lateral Conference of Non-Governmental Social Welfare Organizations

The 20th Tri-Lateral Conference of Non-Governmental Social Welfare Organizations was held in Taipei on December 1-5, with one day seminar, exchange gatherings and field visit. From Japan, 11 people including executives of JNCSW participated in the program. Under the session themes, Social Worker Protection, Social Care, and Role of Voluntary Social Welfare Organizations, respectively, Japanese participants contributed a presentation in each session.