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The New Era Is a Continuation of What Came Before: Looking Back on 2022



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Chair, Sasakawa Health Foundation

The number of people in Japan infected with the novel coronavirus by the third year of the pandemic exceeded the number of people infected in 1918 with the Spanish flu, which was considered the largest pandemic in human history. Then, 23,804,673 people were infected and 388,727 died out of a population of 57.2 million ("Influenza", Hygiene Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, 1927), meaning that over 40% of the population was infected and 0.7% of the population died.

As of May 2023, the number of people infected with the ongoing novel coronavirus came to 33,803,572 (NHK, 9 May 2023) out of a population of 124,470,000. Note that at the end of FY2022, 676,570,149 people had been infected worldwide and 6,881,802 had died, or 8.4% and 0.09%, respectively, of the global population. The decrease in the ratio of infected to dead by an order of magnitude shows the progress made by science (Johns Hopkins, 10 March, 2023).

In FY2022, as the pandemic raged, Sasakawa Health Foundation continued to strive to fulfill its responsibilities, both at home and abroad. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those who have taken an interest in the Foundation and its activities, and whose support made this possible.

As part of its international activities, the Foundation has continued to work for the elimination of leprosy, or Hansen's disease, an infectious disease with an extremely weak pathogen. Once contracted, however, the disease can cause a wide range of physical disabilities as well as social ill-health as a result of deep-rooted prejudice and discrimination. We supported Yohei Sasakawa, the WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination and Chairman of The Nippon Foundation, who is active worldwide, and worked with The Nippon Foundation to strengthen our political and social advocacy in ways that other organizations cannot, as well as bolster public health measures against the disease. In addition, the Foundation supported the WHO's Global Leprosy Programme and provided assistance to persons affected by leprosy and their families, who confronted even greater challenges in the face of the pandemic.

In Japan, The Nippon Foundation Home-Care Nursing Center Entrepreneurship Program, launched in 2014, has achieved certain goals, and there is now a loose network of Nippon Foundation Home-Care Nursing Centers, consisting of more than 140 community nursing centers in 28 prefectures, run by graduates of the program. It is a proud achievement that in a year when COVID-19 patients had to be cared for in the community and at home, we were able to manage the situation appropriately. Each center in different parts of the country is strengthening its functions, operating with dozens of staff and a multifunctional approach tailored to local needs. In FY2022, some centers were able to make up to 50,000 home visits, and the group has grown to over 900 members, indicating that our initiative based on the idea that "nurses change society" is making steady progress.

The Foundation will continue to make concerted and diligent efforts, and we sincerely ask for your ongoing support and encouragement.

Chair's blog *Eyes of a cat*

Columns, essays, activity logs and presentations from the point of view of a physician, issued periodically. (Japanese only)

https://www.shf.or.jp/blog_chair



VISION

Better Health & Dignity for All

To enrich the physical, mental, social and spiritual well-being of people — whoever they are, wherever they are and whatever their circumstances — and help them to uphold their dignity.

MISSION

We support people to lead healthy and dignified lives, whatever their circumstances.

VALUES

- A global perspective
- A steadfast adherence to our vision
- An openness to new ideas
- A belief in science-based solutions
- A commitment to relationships built on trust
- A passion to help others to help themselves



<https://www.youtube.com/@SasakawaHealthFoundation>

Reflecting on 3 Years with COVID-19

In autumn 2019, several cases of viral pneumonia of unknown origin were identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. Although belonging to the same family of viruses that caused SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome), which also emerged in China in 2003, and MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome) that appeared a few years later, the new virus was named SARS-CoV-2 (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome-Coronavirus-2) because of its higher infection rate, pre-symptomatic infection and severe pathogenesis.

The World Health Organization declared a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC) on 30 January 2020, a global epidemic of very high risk on 28 February and a global pandemic on 11 March. During this time, there were several cases of infection on board the *Diamond Princess*, a large cruise ship docked in Yokohama, and problems with evacuating passengers and crew, but the number of cases in Japan remained small and, in retrospect, there still seemed to be some room for maneuver.

The disease caused by SARS-CoV-2 is commonly referred to as COVID-19, or Coronavirus Infectious Disease-19, because it emerged in 2019. The first state of emergency was declared in seven prefectures in Japan on 7 April, 2020. Since then, the infection spread on a nationwide scale, leading to severe restrictions such as school closures and advice to wear masks, wash hands and avoid the “three Cs”: closed spaces, crowded places and close-contact settings. Gradually, all aspects of daily life came to be controlled by the virus.

The increase in the number of infected people was accompanied by an expanded vaccine rollout, but with successive outbreaks of new strains of the virus, “long COVID” and post-vaccination deaths, not yet everything is understood. However, the increase in antibodies against the virus in the population has led to a sense of relief in medical facilities and community care settings, where for a while there was a sense of despair. What follows is a partial report on activities undertaken by the Foundation, which was able to navigate its way through the pandemic.

In Japan, the Nippon Foundation Home-Care Nursing Center Network provided information, materials, and simple, concise and essential manuals on COVID-19 to 120 (at the time) home-care/home-visit nursing offices and Kantaki (multifunctional long-term care in a small group home), branches and satellite offices, and also organized practical online seminars by experts. In addition, from March 2021 to July 2022, 28,067 PCR tests were provided to a total of 3,442 offices with the support of the LOVE POCKET FUND by The Nippon Foundation and Japanese TV stars. In the summer of 2021, visiting nurses, utilizing scarce PPE (personal protective equipment) and exercising extreme caution, began providing home care to COVID-19 patients, some of whom had no family or carers to look after them.

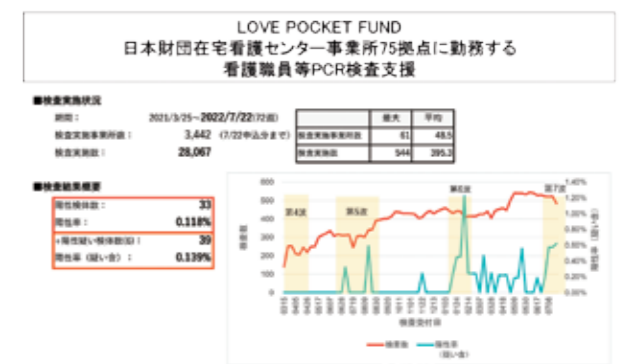
Overseas, where leprosy colonies were hard hit by the coronavirus pandemic, the Foundation provided emergency assistance in the form of small loans, hygiene products and food supplies to 38 organizations in 15 countries between 2020 and 2022, in addition to its regular support for colonies. The “Don’t Forget Leprosy” campaign, launched in 2021 to ensure that leprosy was not overlooked amid the pandemic, continued in FY2022.



Excerpt from manual for dealing with coronavirus patients recuperating at home (home-visit nursing)



Nurses wearing handmade PPE (personal protective equipment)



LOVE POCKET FUND-supported PCR testing



Distribution of relief supplies in Jharkhand State, India (January 2021)

Hansen's Disease/Leprosy Program

To realize a world without Hansen's disease and its related problems, this program has three pillars:



Tackle Disease



Eliminate Discrimination



Preserve History

Community Health Program: "Nurses Change Society!"

We believe that nurses need to be involved in lifestyle support as well as medical care, and provide training and other help to enable them to use their skills in the community.



Maintain Health through Home-care Nursing



Strengthen Community Health Capacity



Cultivate Nursing Leaders

Report on Operation of The National Hansen's Disease Museum and Other Facilities, Awareness-raising and Publicity: FY2022 Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare-Commissioned Project

Since 2020, the COVID pandemic has necessitated a change in the way that museums around the world invite visitors to view exhibits and participate in events. The National Hansen's Disease Museum was temporarily closed before reopening on a restricted basis, requiring it to drastically change the way it operated. Although forced by circumstances, this change proved beneficial in that it accelerated a shift that the museum needed to make toward online activities.

In FY2022, we used the experience of the previous two years to hold online events and disseminate information online. People in different parts of the country who said it was hard for them to visit the museum because they lived far away or because it was difficult for them to leave their homes said they were happy that they could now attend events, and we feel that our activities are reaching nationwide. In addition, as a result of the relaxation of visitor restrictions, in-person visits to the museum have resumed, and we were delighted to welcome so many visitors to the museum for the first time in three years.

Compared to FY2021, when visits were severely restricted, the number of group visits increased 27-fold in FY2022, while the number of individual visitors more than tripled. Meanwhile, the number of lectures on Hansen's disease topics given by the museum's curators exceeded 100 for the first time and took place all over Japan.

In FY2022, we held two special exhibitions in addition to our permanent exhibitions. These were: "Life Design: Self-help Devices, Prosthetic Limbs and Equipment and Their Users in Hansen's Disease Sanatoria" and "The New Face of Hansen's Disease Literature: Poets of 'The Buds of Life'". Thanks to visitors tweeting about the former from midway through the exhibition period, it attracted many visitors right up until the last day. Based on the results of a questionnaire,


82% of those who visited the "Life Design" special exhibitions were first-time visitors, 22% were in their 20s, and 17% were teenagers or younger. Of those in their 20s, 89% were first-time visitors, suggesting we have been successful in reaching people who had never used the museum before.

As for "The New Face of Hansen's Disease Literature" exhibition, it got off to a good start from the outset with plenty of media coverage and we were impressed by the amount of time museum visitors spent reading each of the exhibits.

Museum talks on Hansen's disease from different perspectives, seminars on Hansen's disease and human rights, lectures, school events and other activities, both in person and online, were well received. In addition to external projects, we are also focused on organizing the museum's archives. We have classified and organized our collections into daily-use items, artworks, audio and video recordings, photographs and documents donated by sanatorium residents and their supporters, and are now preparing them for current and future use.

We ask for your continued support in eliminating prejudice and discrimination by spreading correct knowledge about Hansen's disease issues and restoring the honor of patients, former patients and their families.

Location	4-1-13, Aoba-cho, Higashimurayama-shi, Tokyo, Japan
Opening hours	9:30 am to 4:30 pm (admission is until 4:00 pm)
Admission fee	Free
Closed	Mondays and the day after National Holidays, but open on Monday if it is a national holiday. Also closes for maintenance and during the New Year's holidays.



The National Hansen's Disease Museum Official YouTube Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/c/hansenmuseum>



Gallery talk during the "Life Design" exhibition



Reading event related to the "The New Face of Hansen's Disease Literature: Poets of 'The Buds of Life'".

Leprosy is an infectious disease caused by the bacillus *Mycobacterium leprae*. The disease is curable, but delays in detection and treatment can lead to disability. Because leprosy is not accompanied by symptoms such as pain or fever in the early stages, the first signs are often overlooked. Discrimination against leprosy also discourages people from seeking a diagnosis, so active case detection is essential. As a result of the COVID pandemic, the annual number of cases reported to the WHO fell by 37% in 2020 compared with the previous year. Although 2021 showed a 10% increase, the 18% increase in new cases presenting with visible disabilities was a cause for concern.

In FY2022, we expanded the “Don't Forget Leprosy” campaign launched the previous year to ensure that leprosy was not neglected in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, and developed activities in collaboration with a number of organizations.

2022 Highlights

Tackling Disease

Lobbying at the World Health Assembly



WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus with WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination Yohei Sasakawa in Geneva, Switzerland (May 2022)

In May 2022, WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination Yohei Sasakawa attended the first in-person World Health Assembly since 2019, meeting with health ministers from leprosy-endemic countries including India, Brazil, Indonesia, Bangladesh and Ethiopia, as well as the health minister of Norway. In addition, he also met with senior WHO officials including Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

In the meetings with the endemic countries, he discussed the status of leprosy control in those countries, asked for cooperation with the Don't Forget Leprosy campaign and for the resumption of activities interrupted by the COVID pandemic. In his meeting with the Norwegian minister of health, he asked for cooperation on an international conference that was to be held in Bergen in June 2023 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the discovery of the leprosy bacillus.

Tackling Disease

Providing India's ASHA with Teaching Materials

In collaboration with the Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the WHO Country Office for India, we produced leprosy-awareness materials in picture-story format and distributed them to grassroots community health workers, known as ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activists). Between FY2019 and FY2022, these teaching aids were delivered to 375,231 ASHA in six high-burden states for leprosy: Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Bihar, West Bengal and Jharkhand. The ASHA used these materials to educate the local community about leprosy, promote early detection and treatment, and eliminate discrimination.



Ritu, a grassroots community health worker known as an ASHA

Fighting Discrimination

ENAPAL Headquarters Building Completed



ENAPAL members seen smiling at the opening of their new building in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (September 2022)

In September 2022, a ceremony was held to mark the completion of the new headquarters building of the Ethiopian National Association of Persons Affected by Leprosy (ENAPAL) in Addis Ababa. We funded construction of the building, which took four years to complete. Around 200 ENAPAL members from all over Ethiopia attended the ceremony, along with the WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination, the Minister for Women and Social Affairs, the Minister of Health, the WHO Country Office representative and Japan's ambassador to Ethiopia. A day earlier, people working on leprosy issues in Ethiopia gathered for a Don't Forget Leprosy symposium to discuss strengthening actions against the disease, which had been disrupted by the COVID pandemic. ENAPAL is expected to become a model for organizations of persons affected by leprosy in other countries, as the rental income it generates from its new six-story building will provide the financial resources for organizational management and project implementation, enabling it to become self-sustaining.

Fighting Discrimination

2nd Global Forum of People's Organizations on Hansen's Disease Held

In November 2022, as part of the Don't Forget Leprosy campaign, we organized the 2nd Global Forum of People's Organizations on Hansen's Disease over three days in Hyderabad, India. It took place immediately before the International Leprosy Congress, as did the first forum three years earlier in Manila, Philippines. Around 100 people attended the forum, including representatives of 21 people's organizations from 16 countries. There were sessions on capacity building, social integration and partnership, with the aim of strengthening the role and capacity of the organizations. The topics had been decided in advance by representatives of people's organizations elected by their peers. Special guests at the forum were Miss World Brazil and Miss Supranational India, both of whom pledged to raise awareness of Hansen's disease. The conclusions and recommendations arising from the three days of discussions were presented by Maya Ranaware, president of India's Association of People Affected by Leprosy (APAL), at the 21st International Leprosy Congress. (<https://sasakawaleprosyinitiative.org/latest-updates/initiative-news/2971/>)



Session results are presented group by group at the Global Forum in Hyderabad, India (November 2022)

Preserving History

Preserving the History of Portugal's Rovisco Pais Sanatorium



Addressing the opening ceremony of the Scientific Library at Rovisco Pais, Portugal (March 2023)

Opened in 1947, Rovisco Pais served as Portugal's only national leprosarium until the mid-1990s and contains many historical records and buildings—including the former wards and chapel—valuable historical artefacts such as everyday objects and furniture used by sanatorium residents, and medical equipment. Since 2017, the foundation has been supporting initiatives to preserve this history. Among other things, the sanatorium's extensive collection of medical books is an important resource for learning about the evolution of medical and nursing science in the late 19th and 20th centuries, and contains valuable items not found in other collections in Portugal. In March, a ceremony was held to inaugurate a new scientific library containing some 4,350 volumes. These materials are also available in digital form in a digital library. (<https://www.hansen-stories.pt/biblioteca/>)

Community health refers to community-based activities to maintain the health of the people who live there. Based on the idea that nurses, who can be involved in both medical care and lifestyle support, are the ones who support these activities, Sasakawa Health Foundation has created the slogan, “Nurses Change Society!” and supports the expansion of The Nippon Foundation Home-Care Nursing Center Network with bases throughout the country. It also focuses on supporting and promoting the activities of nurses in various ways, such as providing support for home-care nursing in the community, and providing grants for innovative research and awareness-raising activities to promote community health.

The Sasakawa Nursing Fellow program, established in 2021, is an overseas study scholarship program to develop the next generation of internationally-minded nursing leaders who will support Japan’s health system. In FY2022, we sent three fellows to the United States for graduate studies.

2022 Highlights

Home-Care Nursing Network

Expansion of the Network

The Nippon Foundation Home-Care Nursing Center Network, which we trained and supported nurses entering the business of community-based comprehensive care, has grown into a nationwide network of 148 offices (including 8 Kantaki*) across 28 prefectures. In FY2022, in addition to supporting the opening of two new Kantaki, we supported a total of 10 cases of expansion and relocation of facilities, and the opening of satellite and branch offices of home-care nursing centers that have maintained stable management and expanded their business. A consultation board has been established made up of representatives from each training year for strengthening the network.

In addition, managers at each operational center office are invited to give presentations on the significance of home-care nursing and provide practical examples. A total of nine members of the network spoke at the 4th Annual Meeting for the Japanese Association of Home Care Medicine, the 26th Annual Conference of the Japan Academy of Nursing Administration and Policies, and the 6th China Japan Korea Nursing Conference.



Sponsored symposium at the Annual Meeting of the Japanese Association for Home Care Medicine

The Nippon Foundation Home-Care Nursing Network

A nation-wide network of The Nippon Foundation Home-Care Nursing Centers, with **148** centers in **28** prefectures.



The first board meeting



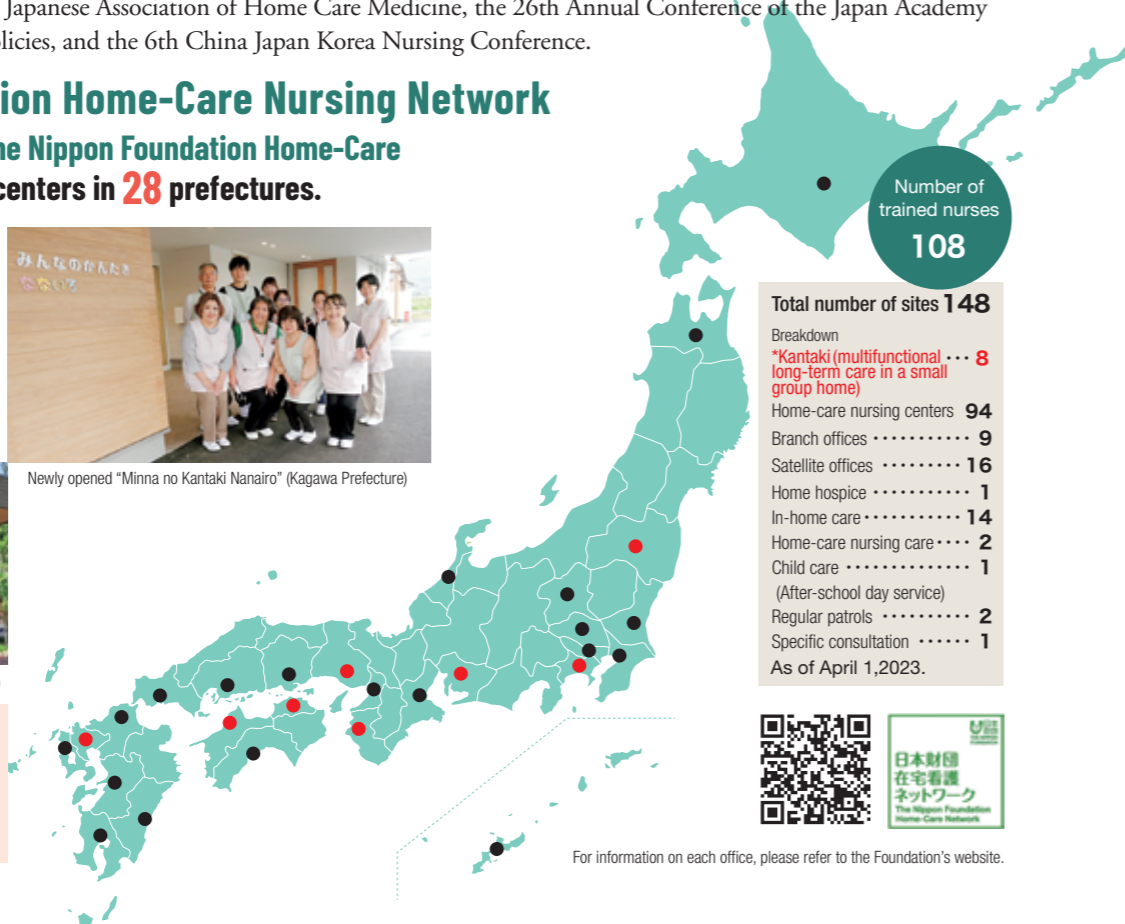
Newly opened “Minna no Kantaki Nanairo” (Kagawa Prefecture)



The just-opened “Shikoku no Kantaki” (Ehime Prefecture)

Newly Established in FY2022

Kantaki (multifunctional long-term care in a small group home)	2
Home-care centers	2
Home-care centers (branch office)	3
Home-care centers (satellite office)	3



For information on each office, please refer to the Foundation’s website.



Strengthen Community Health Capacity

Grants and Public Lectures

With the aim of improving and expanding the healthcare and medical service delivery system, we provide grants for ground-breaking research in community/home-care and nursing, practical research in collaboration with healthcare experts, and surveys to review the actual state and effectiveness of the current system (See p.12 for details of the grant report session). In FY2022, we supported 10 research projects and 5 practical research surveys.

In addition, we supported 13 activities to promote the usefulness of home-care nursing in local communities. We also held a series of online public lectures to introduce measures against infectious diseases such as the coronavirus as well as post-coronavirus initiatives in an effort to strengthen community health capabilities. Dr. Yoshihiro Takayama (Chief of Infectious Diseases, Okinawa Chubu Hospital), Dr. Satoshi Kutsuna (Professor, Department of Infection Control, Graduate School of Medicine, OSAKA UNIVERSITY), and nurses working in the front lines delivered thought-provoking lectures, which were very well received by nurses and healthcare workers around the country.



Promoting handwashing awareness at a home-care nursing center (Wakayama Prefecture)



Flyer for FY2022 public lecture

Cultivate Nursing Leaders

Launch of the Sasakawa Nursing Fellow Scholarship

The program, which started with 14 fellows in FY2021, now has 23 fellows after three rounds of recruiting and screening in FY2022. Of this number, three have started graduate studies in the United States at the University of Washington, the University of Illinois at Chicago and Duke University, each of which offers friendly competition in a diverse environment.



Send-off party for the 1st batch of the Sasakawa Nursing Fellows



Iori Yamasaki (second from right) with classmates at Duke University

The key feature of the Fellowship program is that it not only awards scholarships but also provides a training program of at least six months’ duration prior to study abroad. This in-country program is designed not only to impart nursing and professional knowledge, but also to provide an opportunity to learn about Japan’s culture, ethics and economy, as well as a wide range of issues facing Japanese and international society.

In addition, seven fellows visited Iitate village, Fukushima Prefecture, where residents have gradually returned after being forced to evacuate due to radioactive fallout from the Fukushima nuclear power plant damaged by the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011. This field trip training program provided them with the opportunity to reflect on a variety of issues, including the lives of people in underpopulated areas of Japan, healthcare and nursing, and the impact of disasters. The fellows, who ate and roomed together during the field visit, shared their hopes and concerns for the future and deepened their camaraderie.



Experiencing home-care nursing in Iitate Village (Fukushima Prefecture)



“I’ve made lots of friends through the fellowship activities. I’ve broadened my interests and I’m having a fulfilling time studying abroad.” (Miyuki Watanabe, University of Washington)

Don't Forget Leprosy—Leave No One Behind: Global Appeal Launched from the Vatican



Global Appeal launch ceremony at the Vatican (January 2023)



Seeking the support of Pope Francis to resolve leprosy issues ©Vatican Media

Started in FY2021 to ensure that leprosy was not neglected in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Don't Forget Leprosy campaign was expanded in FY2022 to include the slogan "Leave No One Behind." Various activities were carried out in collaboration with NGOs,

organizations of persons affected by leprosy, the WHO and government agencies.

As part of the campaign, an International Symposium on Hansen's Disease was held at the Vatican in the run-up to World Leprosy Day 2023 under the "Leave No One Behind" banner. It was held in collaboration with the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Fondation Raoul Follereau and the Italian Association Amici di Raoul Follereau (AIFO). The symposium, which received a message from Pope Francis, brought together some 130 people from 24 countries, including health and human rights experts and representatives of organizations working on leprosy, to discuss what actions should be taken to achieve a society in which no one is left behind.

Symposium organizers and participants also supported the launch of Global Appeal 2023—the 18th Appeal in the series—which calls for an end to stigma and discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their families.* The text of the Appeal, which states that "all human beings are brothers and sisters, equal in dignity," was read out by Leticia Cezar da Frota, Miss World Brazil 2022. "Let all of us play our part in realizing an inclusive society in which no one is left behind," the text concluded. In Brazil, Ms. Frota is an ambassador for the elimination of discrimination against Hansen's disease.

*Launched in 2006 by WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination Yohei Sasakawa to raise awareness of leprosy and eliminate discrimination against persons affected by the disease and their families, the Global Appeal is issued on or near World Leprosy Day, the last Sunday in January, and is supported by influential partners from a variety of sectors.

Research Grant Report Session: A New Approach to Multidisciplinary Cooperation

In October, we invited grantees of our community health research grants to Tokyo and asked them for reporting the outcome of their researches. It was the first such meeting in three years due to the COVID pandemic. This year's event was not only about reporting on grant activities, but also about building a new research network based on a loose collaboration of different professions. We asked Dr. Akihiko Kusakabe, associate professor of Yokohama City University, to be the coordinator.

Four groups of 18 people, consisting of doctors, nurses and sociologists, made presentations, which were given by a representative from each group. The presenters were Dr. Sen Otomo, Seimeikan Clinic; Dr. Yuko Hamada, Faculty of Nursing, Daiichi University of Pharmacy; Dr. Yukihiko Takahashi, Faculty of Policy Management, Shobi Gakuen University; and Dr. Naoko Tsukamoto, Faculty of Human Sciences, Sophia University. Following the presentations, lively discussions ensued.

In addition, 22 grantees from past years presented short summaries of their activities. The topics covered a wide range of issues: senility, newborns, maternity care, living alone, intractable ALS, leprosy, acute hospital care in cities, and health activities in sparsely populated mountain areas. The summaries were followed by lively discussions, in which doctors, nurses, midwives, public health nurses, dentists, pharmacists, nutritionists, rehabilitation technicians, psychologists, artists and social activists gave their views from their respective perspectives.

The event, including the reception that followed, was a step toward multidisciplinary collaboration and we will continue to explore how the Foundation can foster collaboration with this diverse body of knowledge.



Dr. Kusakabe served as moderator and coordinator.



Dr. Hamada speaks during the Q&A session with each group. At left: Dr. Kusakabe

The Sasakawa Health Prize



The 2022 Sasakawa Health Prize award ceremony: (from right to left) Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Dr. Ruamviboonsuk, and President of WHA2022. Photo: The Nippon Foundation

The WHO Sasakawa Health Prize has been awarded annually since 1985. For two years, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the award ceremony was held via video link, but in FY2022 the ceremony was held in person again during

the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland.

The winner of the 2022 Sasakawa Health Prize was Dr. Paisan Ruamviboonsuk, a Thai ophthalmologist specializing in retinal eye care. For the past 25 years, working mainly in rural areas, he has been responsible for a national project to prevent blindness caused by diabetes, known as diabetic retinopathy, which is spreading in Thailand. The special method he developed for screening and grading the condition, and the training initiative he piloted for healthcare workers, has saved many people in the country from blindness, and the Ministry of Public Health now offers free screening tests for diabetic retinopathy. In a speech, The Nippon Foundation's chairman, Yohei Sasakawa, congratulated Dr. Ruamviboonsuk for his contribution to improving Thailand's health system through the practice of primary health care.

The F.A.P.A. Ishidate Award



Medals were presented to the five winners (three at left, two at right) at a ceremony in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (November 2022)

To improve public health in Asian countries, every two years the Foundation presents awards at the biennial congress of the Federation of Asian Pharmaceutical Associations to pharmacists from the region who have made outstanding contributions to human health and healthcare through pharmaceutical practice, research and education. The F.A.P.A. Ishidate Award was established in 1986 with a gift from Morizo Ishidate, the Foundation's first chair and professor emeritus of the University of Tokyo. In November 2022, it was presented to five winners in five categories (community pharmacy, hospital pharmacy, pharmaceutical industry, pharmaceutical research and pharmaceutical education) from FY2020 after the ceremony was postponed due to the COVID pandemic.

Award winners: Mr. Chin-Shun Huang (Taiwan)
Ms. Hazel Faye Ricaforte Docuyanan (Philippines)
Dr. Noppadon Adjimatera (Thailand)
Dr. Mohammad Abdur Rashid (Bangladesh)
Dr. TV Narayana (India)

Renewal of the Sasakawa Health Foundation Website



Top page of the Sasakawa Health Foundation website.

In redesigning the website, we have focused on communicating the Foundation's activities in an easy-to-follow way. The two main pillars of our activities are leprosy control and community health promotion. There is a page for each, with reports on specific activities and articles on events displayed at the bottom of the page. The articles are written in a way that makes it easy to understand the purpose of each activity. For the Past Activities section, a chronological table showing the year when each activity started has been added and we have created a page to briefly introduce the history and achievements of each.

We have also focused on improving the English version of the website. In the redesigned version, the community health promotion section, which did not exist previously in English, as well as the activities and donations pages, now contain essentially the same information as the Japanese site.

In conjunction with the website renewal, we also produced an introductory video about the Foundation in Japanese and English, which is available on our official YouTube channel. Please take a look. It features lots of photos, animation and narration.



Top page of the WHAT WE DO section of the English-language website.

Statement of accounts: Net asset increase/decrease *From April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023

I General net asset increase or decrease		(Unit : Yen)			
	Items	A/C Public Benefit Services	A/C Entity	Total	
1. Ordinary increase or decrease	(1) Ordinary revenue	Profit from endowment management	0	10,885,581	10,885,581
		Profit from special asset management	34,636,219	23,256,763	57,892,982
		Operating revenue	531,279,058	0	531,279,058
		Subsidies received	881,485,679	77,700,000	959,185,679
		Donations received	6,685,753	0	6,685,753
		Miscellaneous revenue	27,763,656	225,000	27,988,656
		Profit from special asset sales	2,611,124	14,383	2,625,507
		Total ordinary revenue	1,484,461,489	112,081,727	1,596,543,216
	(2) Ordinary expenses	Subsidies program cost	881,485,679	0	881,485,679
		Self-funded program cost	87,654,237	0	87,654,237
		Contract business cost	526,876,636	0	526,876,636
		Total program expenses	1,496,016,552	0	1,496,016,552
		Subsidies administration cost	0	47,816,903	47,816,903
		Self funds administration cost	0	22,243,606	22,243,606
		Total administration expenses	0	70,060,509	70,060,509
Loss on valuation of Securities		4,199	663	4,862	
Total ordinary expenses	1,496,020,751	70,061,172	1,566,081,923		
	Ordinary increase/decrease before adjustment of profit/loss valuation	△11,559,262	42,020,555	30,461,293	
	Valuation profit/loss of special asset	6,960,199	△14,787,591	△7,827,392	
	Total valuation profit/loss	6,960,199	△14,787,591	△7,827,392	
	Ordinary increase/decrease	△4,599,063	27,232,964	22,633,901	
2. Nonrecurring increase or decrease	(1) Nonrecurring revenue	Total nonrecurring revenue	0	0	0
	(2) Nonrecurring expenses	Total nonrecurring expenses	0	0	0
		Nonrecurring increase or decrease	0	0	0
		Increase/decrease of general net asset	△4,599,063	27,232,964	22,633,901
		Balance of general net asset at beginning of year	806,438,778	3,060,552,885	3,866,991,663
		Balance of general net asset at end of year	801,839,715	3,087,785,849	3,889,625,564

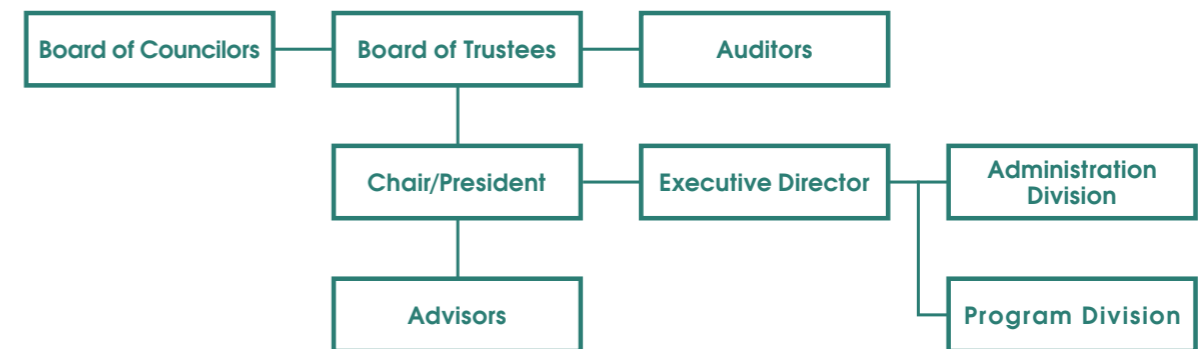
II Restricted net asset increase or decrease				
	Subsidies received	111,849,114	0	111,849,114
	Donations received	9,292,809	0	9,292,809
	Profit from endowment management	0	1,118,292	1,118,292
	Profit from special asset management	26,922,259	0	26,922,259
	Valuation profit/loss of special asset	△24,454,648	0	△24,454,648
	Reclassified into general net asset	△200,474,205	△1,118,292	△201,592,497
	Increase/decrease of restricted net asset	△76,864,671	0	△76,864,671
	Balance of restricted net asset at beginning of year	3,307,414,531	113,600,000	3,421,014,531
	Balance of restricted net asset at end of year	3,230,549,860	113,600,000	3,344,149,860

III Balance of net asset at end of year	4,032,389,575	3,201,385,849	7,233,775,424
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Organization chart



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