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A World Forced to Change — Looking Back on 2020



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How will the future look back on 2020? And how should it look back?

There were experts who foresaw a global pandemic of an infectious disease; however, most people, including those of us at the Foundation, assumed that 2020 would be much like the previous year and that we should strive to do our best as always. But with the advent of novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, daily life in the world changed completely. What hasn't changed is the support and cooperation our Foundation receives from all of you, and for this, the officers and staff of Sasakawa Health Foundation express our heartfelt gratitude.

As noted elsewhere on these pages, shortly after the start of the fiscal year, 45 years after our establishment, we were stunned by the passing of Distinguished Senior Advisor Kenzo Kiikuni, who had been at the center of the Foundation's affairs from the beginning. Professor Kiikuni was always reminding us of our founding philosophy; without losing sight of it, we each focused on our duties as the pandemic spread, doing our best to keep our spirits up. The emergence of the novel coronavirus must be taken as a warning to human beings, who continue to abuse the limited resources of the Earth and are but one of many species on the planet.

In last year's annual report, I said that the pace of social change was accelerating, but now we have entered an era of cataclysmic change, one in which we can no longer say the world is on the same track as before. Even though we have succeeded in overcoming the early waves of the coronavirus, it will continue to tyrannize us until the majority of the world's population, through vaccination and other means, attains herd immunity.

The reason for establishing this Foundation was to restore the health, well-being, and dignity of people around the world suffering from Hansen's disease. Meanwhile, in a country with an aging population and a declining birthrate, we will continue to strive to develop health personnel and foster their activities so that anyone, anywhere, and at any time can receive the physical and mental care they need.

Our slogan "Better Health and Dignity for All," which we switched to a few years ago, expresses the philosophy of our founder, Ryoichi Sasakawa, and embodies his feelings for family, country, and his fellow human beings the world over. Those words, written 80 years ago, are the essence of "Leave no one behind" that the world is now pursuing. Amid the rapidly changing society, we mourn our Founder and also our recently departed Distinguished Senior Advisor, who supported his philosophy, but we will continue our activities at home and abroad as an organization that can work together as one, making further efforts to put these lofty principles into practice.

During these uncertain times brought on by the pandemic, I pray for your good health and ask for your continued guidance and support on the occasion of compiling the FY2020 Annual Report.

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Chair's blog *Eyes of a cat*

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



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45 Years of Sasakawa Health Foundation and Remembering the Achievements of Distinguished Senior Advisor Kenzo Kiikuni

The birth of Sasakawa Health Foundation (as we know it today) came about as a result of a lunch in March 1973 that followed the first board meeting of the Life Planning Center founded by Dr. Shigeaki Hinohara (4 October 1911 – 18 July 2019) and a conversation between Ryoichi Sasakawa (4 May 1899 – 18 July 1995) and Professor Morizo Ishidate (24 January 1901 – 18 July 1996), both of whom had been interested in leprosy since they were young. Also present at that lunch was Professor Kenzo Kiikuni (31 January 1933 – 15 May 2020), who had been a student of Dr. Hinohara's at International Christian University.

As has been well documented, Professor Ishidate, the father of leprosy chemotherapy in Japan, said that "It is an honorable duty for Japan to help people with leprosy around the world." Ryoichi Sasakawa, who as a young man had had feelings for a young woman subsequently diagnosed with the disease, agreed. As for Professor Kiikuni, a rising talent in the field of hospital administration, a discipline that was not yet widespread in Japan, his presence at this meeting would link his fate to measures taken against leprosy throughout the world.

The Foundation was graced with the presence of Prince and Princess Takamatsu at the ceremony to commemorate its establishment. In the years that followed, Professor Kiikuni would go on to serve as a Trustee, Executive Director, Chair, President, and finally, as Distinguished Senior Advisor, working closely with WHO headquarters and its regional offices and crisscrossing the globe to attend leprosy conferences.

There are many episodes demonstrating his playful side and here let us recall one of them. The year was 1987, and the actress Elizabeth Taylor, who cofounded the Foundation for AIDS Research, had been invited to Japan for an AIDS awareness campaign. During a dinner engagement, a Japan-U.S. karaoke contest was proposed. The world-famous actress did not sing in public, but Professor Kiikuni sang "Love Me Tender" that evening in front of her, something he would fondly remember.

Meanwhile, in the early 1980s, when the world had not yet fully recognized primary health care as the best strategy in the field of international health, Professor Kiikuni worked with Dr.



Professor Kiikuni (left) with Dr. Mahler (May 2006, Geneva, Switzerland)

Halfdan Mahler, the-then Director-General of the WHO, to establish the Sasakawa Health Prize to honor individuals and organizations active in the field, based on the wishes of our founder, Ryoichi Sasakawa. Thereafter, Professor Kiikuni and Dr. Mahler became good friends and enjoyed discussing their shared interest in wine.

There are two major projects to note in the early days of the Foundation. The first, which continues to this day, is the Japan-China Sasakawa Medical Fellowship. Up until the 41st year of the program in FY2019, Professor Kiikuni would attend the annual welcome and sendoff parties and offer erudite words of encouragement and farewell in off-the-cuff remarks.

The second is the program of support following the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. Five years after the accident occurred in 1986, a request for assistance was made to Yohei Sasakawa, who was then the president of what is now The Nippon Foundation from then-President Gorbachev of the Soviet Union. This request was passed to us, although Sasakawa Health Foundation had no expertise in this area.

With the cooperation of President Itsuzo Shigematsu of the Radiation Effects Research Foundation and Professor Shigenobu Nagasaki of Nagasaki University, the Chernobyl Tissue Bank (CTB) was established at Imperial College London in the United Kingdom. The CTB collects and manages thyroid cancer tissue caused by the effects of radiation, gathered over a 10-year period thanks to magnificent on-the-ground cooperation, and contributes to ongoing research. At key moments in this history, Professor Kiikuni played his part.

In recent years, Professor Kiikuni did not enjoy the best of health during the winter months, but would always recover in the spring. In the spring of 2020, due to the spread of the novel coronavirus, the Foundation introduced teleworking. On May 15, we received news from his family of Professor Kiikuni's sudden death and were lost for words.

One year after his passing, we would like to express our deep condolences to his family and sincere gratitude for the support he provided the Foundation. While undergoing some changes, the Foundation follows the path Professor Kiikuni showed us. We will continue to strive for "Better Health and Dignity for All" in memory of our late Distinguished Senior Advisor. We wish everyone good health and ask your continued support.



Yohei Sasakawa (left), Chairman of The Nippon Foundation, and Distinguished Senior Advisor Kenzo Kiikuni at The Nippon Foundation in June 2018.

FY2020 Project Commissioned by Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare —"Operation of National Hansen's Disease Museum and Awareness-raising/Public Relations"

The National Hansen's Disease Museum adjacent to National Sanatorium Tama Zenshoen is filled with the thoughts and feelings of those who were forced to quarantine in a sanatorium for life. A rare facility in the world, it tells the troubled history of Hansen's disease in Japan and embodies the burning desire of those affected to pass on to succeeding generations testimony concerning the suffering Hansen's disease caused them and how they fought against prejudice and discrimination.

The Prince Takamatsu Memorial Hansen's Disease Museum, the forerunner of the national museum, opened in 1993 as a 40th anniversary project of the Tofu Kyokai, which was engaged in leprosy work in Japan. The long road leading up to that point traces the history of the hardships endured by persons affected by Hansen's disease; however, the establishment of the museum was epoch-making for finally revealing their thoughts and feelings in a form visible to people on the outside.

The Leprosy Prevention Law was finally abolished in 1996. Then, in 2001, the Kumamoto District Court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs in a compensation lawsuit, calling on the government to apologize for the mental distress caused to sanatorium residents and others and at the same time restore their honor and improve their welfare, as well as express condolences for the dead. This led to the enactment of the Law on Payment of Compensation to Inmates of Hansen's Disease Sanatoriums. In 2007, the museum reopened as the National Hansen's Disease Museum with the purpose of erasing stigma and discrimination by spreading knowledge about Hansen's disease and restoring the honor of persons affected.

In 2009, the Law on the Promotion of Resolution of Issues Related to Hansen's Disease was enacted in order to facilitate the resolution of outstanding issues by taking measures to promote the welfare of persons affected by the disease and the restoration of their honor. In addition, in 2019, the Law on the Provision of Compensation to Family Members of Former Leprosy Patients was enacted to provide compensation for the pain suffered to date by the families of persons affected by Hansen's disease and to restore their honor. This function has been added to the purpose of the museum, thus broadening the scope of viewpoints it reflects.

Since the time of the Tofu Kyokai, operation of the museum and awareness-raising/public relations has been a commissioned project of the Ministry of Health and Welfare (now Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare). The Sasakawa Health Foundation was certified in 1974 to carry out activities against Hansen's disease overseas. In the course of these activities, we not only deepened our relationship with the residents of Hansen's disease sanatoriums in Japan, but have also received a tremendous amount of guidance from them. Even though they endured long years of isolation, they followed what was going on in the world and, in view of the situation in Japan, were committed to establishing a museum to convey thoughts and feelings that cannot be expressed in words alone.

While many of our activities took place overseas, over time we came to the realization that if the issues surrounding Hansen's disease were truly to be resolved, a medical solution was not enough; it was also necessary to examine the history of various problems related to the disease and apply the lessons to be learned from them.

From the turn of 21st century, we began to investigate the history of Hansen's disease overseas and the issues surrounding it, and preserve to the extent possible artefacts and evidence that remain.



In response to the novel coronavirus pandemic, curators streamed live commentaries on the permanent exhibitions to groups for the first time.

Thanks to the existence of the museum, and those who worked so hard there, we received many valuable suggestions. It would therefore become inevitable, given the role of this exceptional museum in working to eliminate widespread stigma and prejudice and raise awareness of human rights, that our Foundation would come involved. Thus, in 2020, we decided to apply to operate the museum, something we had long considered.

As noted, the aim of the museum is to eliminate the stigma and prejudice associated with leprosy by spreading a proper understanding of the issues surrounding Hansen's disease and restoring the honor of persons affected by the disease as well as their families. The museum's dedicated staff handle annual planning and day-to-day operations with expertise. We provide the necessary support without losing sight of the museum's purpose or forgetting the sentiments shared by those who established it and other people around the country who were also involved. We also support the collection and storage of artefacts and information buried away in different parts of the country, in addition to promoting exhibitions, on-site lectures, and other events held at the museum.

Due to the strengthening of information dissemination and some new awareness-raising initiatives, the number of visitors to the museum has gradually been increasing. Just as we were gearing up for FY2020, however, this progress was halted by the novel coronavirus pandemic, which caused the temporary closure of the museum.

This is the first time the museum has had to close since the construction work to turn the Prince Takamatsu Memorial Hansen's Disease Museum into the National Hansen's Disease Museum. Following the end of the first state of emergency declared in Tokyo and other prefectures over the pandemic, opening hours and visitor numbers have been restricted and staff have been forced to work from home. However, they are becoming ever more adept at responding to the needs of the times, providing off-site lectures by curators as well as online exhibition commentaries, lectures and seminars. We have also been organizing the collection of materials and creating a database, which are other important functions of the museum.

Together with the museum, the Foundation will do its best to dispel stigma and discrimination against persons affected by Hansen's disease and their families, and to realize a society in which everyone values human rights.

Better Health & Dignity for All

Vision

Striving to enrich the physical, mental, social and spiritual well-being of people—whoever they are, wherever they are and whatever their circumstances—and helping them to maintain their dignity as human beings.

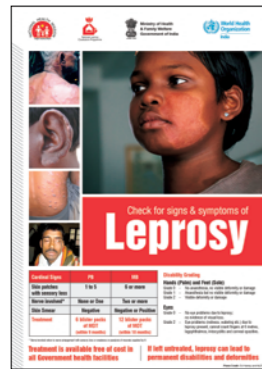
Zero leprosy

Realize a world free from all forms of suffering associated with the disease.

Mission

Promote community health

Empower nursing, an important activity to enable people everywhere to live healthy, high-quality lives in their communities.



Supporting each country's Hansen's disease program through WHO.



Advocacy is a key part of the WHO Goodwill Ambassador's mission.



Supporting communities of persons affected by Hansen's disease amid the coronavirus pandemic through assistance for 33 organizations of persons affected worldwide.



Raising awareness of Hansen's disease issues by disseminating information via website, social media, and more. In December 2020, the WHO Goodwill Ambassador's newsletter underwent a redesign and name change.



Supporting historical preservation around the world: this museum opened in March 2021 in the chapel of Portugal's former national leprosarium. (Rovisco Pais, Portugal)

Tackle disease

Coordinate with WHO Goodwill Ambassador for effective advocacy at all levels.
Work with WHO and others to support leprosy control activities in high-priority countries

Strengthen nursing in the community

Develop human resources that contribute to the promotion of home-care nursing and community health.
Create a home-care nursing base at the core of a comprehensive community care system.
Build and maintain a network of home-care nursing caregivers.

Utilize and visualize the power of nursing effectively

Research nursing practices in order to make policy recommendations
Disseminate at home and abroad the roles and possibilities of Japanese nurses

Social Welfare

Eliminate discrimination

Strengthen capacities of people's organizations and promote their involvement in policy-making and implementation.

Identify discrimination and construct a framework for sustaining action toward its elimination.

Raise awareness of leprosy-related issues through effective communication methods.

Preserve history

Support model history preservation efforts and facilitate training and network formation for people doing the work.

Social Innovation

Change people's health consciousness

Support community-based awareness-raising activities
Hold public lectures to deepen understanding of health and healthcare



① Ceremony for 7th graduating class of nursing entrepreneurs. ② At the start of the coronavirus pandemic, home-care nurses made do with available items for infection prevention.



① The Nippon Foundation Home-care Nursing Center entrepreneur development project was featured in WHO's State of the world's nursing 2020 report. ② Four nurses from home-care nursing centers contributed their efforts in the coronavirus pandemic. ③ A nursing entrepreneur tells an academic conference about his career and the changes it underwent.



Holding online public lectures.



Pamphlet distributed to local residents through grants for community awareness activities.

"What home-care nursing stations can do" was released during the first wave of the coronavirus pandemic.

Enhancing Social Welfare

Support for Hansen's Disease Communities amid the Coronavirus Pandemic

Our goal

People's organizations take the lead in addressing local needs

With the worldwide spread of COVID-19, persons affected by Hansen's disease and their families face a variety of challenges, including loss of livelihoods, difficulties in accessing health services for treatment of Hansen's disease and its aftereffects, and fears of further prejudice and discrimination should they develop COVID-19. Organizations that represent persons affected by

Hansen's disease and their families can make a sustained contribution to solving problems related to Hansen's disease in their countries and regions by addressing local needs. As a Foundation, we aim to support Hansen's disease communities—by responding to their direct needs, by advocacy, and by information dissemination—with people's organizations not merely recipients of assistance but playing a main role.

How we get there

Responding to direct needs

We delivered food for a fixed period as emergency assistance to persons affected by Hansen's disease whose livelihoods were affected due to the coronavirus pandemic. We also distributed hygiene products such as masks and hand sanitizers so that they could take measures against coronavirus infection themselves.

Advocacy

As people's organizations engaged in relief activities, they discovered individuals who were not receiving government support because they did not have identification papers or other reasons. They reached out

to the authorities to ensure that all persons affected by Hansen's disease could receive government support on an ongoing basis.

Information dissemination

Using Facebook and other platforms, people's organizations not only communicated tips on coronavirus prevention measures and information about Hansen's disease, but together with the Foundation also actively posted about these support activities so that Hansen's disease would not be forgotten even amid the pandemic.



Books and stationery delivered to 30 boys and girls affected by Hansen's disease who were having difficulty continuing their studies. (Three states in southern Nigeria)

2020 Highlights

COVID-19 emergency assistance pilot projects

Utilizing our network of experts in various fields and our long-standing track record of supporting organizations of persons affected by Hansen's disease, the Foundation conducted pilot projects to support Hansen's disease communities affected by the coronavirus pandemic in Nepal, Bangladesh, and Indonesia from May to September 2020. We held weekly online meetings with organizations from the three countries to obtain detailed information from the field and hear the opinions of those taking part.

COVID-19 emergency assistance program

Based on the results of the pilot projects and the opinions of experts, we launched a program to support organizations of persons affected by Hansen's disease amid the coronavirus pandemic. In both the first and second phases, we provided a total of approximately 50 million yen to 33 organizations of persons affected in 14 countries around the world.

Leaders of these people's organization that engaged in relief activities were strongly motivated to protect their communities through their own efforts. Support tailored to local needs, such as

the provision of food and medicine, and small loans for rebuilding lives, has given great hope to these communities.

In addition, active efforts to reach out to local authorities made it possible for persons affected by Hansen's disease to access existing sources of support, such as disability pensions. In addition, as a result of publicizing their activities on social media, people's organizations were featured in local news media and obtained new cooperation from the government.

2021 World Leprosy Day Webinar

In the buildup to World Leprosy Day 2021, the Foundation organized a four-day webinar with the participation of 21 organizations of persons affected by Hansen's disease from 17 countries to create a platform where their voices could be heard.

In addition to reports from each organization on their activities, there were panel discussions on issues related to Hansen's disease, such as right to work, mental health, and disability. Participants agreed to continue to work together with governments, the WHO, international NGOs, and other partners to resolve problems surrounding Hansen's disease even amid the coronavirus pandemic.



Miss Brazil helps with the distribution of relief supplies. (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)



Young leaders of an organization of persons affected by Hansen's disease visit the home of a family of persons affected to pass on information about COVID-19.



On World Leprosy Day (January 31, 2021), representatives from 20 leprosy colonies in Jharkhand state gather to call for support for persons affected by leprosy facing difficulties in their daily lives. (Jharkhand, India)



Specially selected and trained teams of Community Champions were responsible for providing support and encouragement to persons affected by Hansen's disease and persons with disabilities. (Sirajganji District, Rajshahi Division, Bangladesh)

Social Innovation by Nurses

“Nurses Change Society”—Aiming to Realize the Enhancement of the Health System

Our goal

Influenced by a super-aging population and declining birthrate and now the novel coronavirus pandemic, Japan’s medical and nursing care requirements have changed dramatically. There is an urgent need to move away from a hospital-centered medical system to a community-based comprehensive support system for health and medical welfare.

Nurses account for the largest occupational group in the health sector, not only collaborating with doctors in a medical setting but

also playing a supporting role in people’s daily lives. By expanding the scope of nurses’ activities and fully demonstrating their capabilities, we aim not only to provide people with medical treatment and care, but also to maintain and improve the health of local communities and change the health consciousness of residents based on the principles of primary health care. In this way, we aim to realize a sustainable society by utilizing medical resources effectively and appropriately.

How we get there

Program to train nursing entrepreneurs

We provide eight months of training through a human resource development program for nurses to start and operate home-care nursing centers (home-visit nursing offices, etc.) that serve as community health hubs.

Support for entrepreneurship and expansion of The Nippon Foundation Home-care Nursing Center

We support the creation of a base for demonstrating the power of nursing, such as our support for starting home-care nursing centers, community-based multi-service centers that provide person-centered day-service, short-term stays, in-home nursing and care management around the clock, called Kan-taki, and the establishment of branch

offices and satellites.

Building and strengthening The Nippon Foundation Home-care Nursing Network

We strive to strengthen our management base by creating a place where entrepreneurs nationwide can share the latest information, get advice, and discuss management issues on a daily basis.

Analyzing and disseminating information collected through our network

We collect and analyze information from home-care nursing centers nationwide on their operational status and local conditions, and actively share the findings at academic conferences in Japan and overseas.



Community-based multi-service centers (Kan-taki) have many functions, including infant care. (Wakayama City, Wakayama Prefecture)

2020 Highlights

24 nursing entrepreneurs completed their training

In January 2021, 24 nurses completed the course and set off for different parts of Japan after eight months of lectures and practical training that combined online and face-to-face activities in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Since the start of fiscal 2014, 108 nurses have completed the program.

16 Nippon Foundation Home-care Nursing Centers were established in 10 prefectures

In fiscal 2020, 16 nurses, mainly from the fiscal 2019 program, started their own businesses. As of March 31, 2021, 77 home-care nursing centers in 25 prefectures were in operation.

Community-based multi-service centers, branches continue to open Centers supported by the Foundation opened in Komaki City in Aichi Prefecture in May 2020 and in Wakayama City in Wakayama Prefecture in June 2020. Branches were opened in Fujisawa City, Kanagawa Prefecture, and Tamana City, Kumamoto Prefecture, in addition to which an increasing number of centers expanded their operations by opening satellite offices or relocating to larger premises.

In fiscal 2021, preparations for the opening of community-based multi-service centers (Kan-taki) are also scheduled to proceed in Saga Prefecture and Kagawa Prefecture.

Nursing Now Forum in Japan

On January 21, 2021, together with the Japan Nursing Association, we hosted Japan’s first international nursing forum. The Foundation was in

charge of a subcommittee called “Home-care Nursing and a Sustainable Society: Nurses Change Society,” and invited three nursing leaders from Canada and the United States to discuss the role and perspective nurses should have from now on. In addition, there were presentations from three nursing entrepreneurs followed by a discussion, with the nurses’ activities and the initiatives of the Foundation receiving high praise. The full session is available on YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/Bm5SDwteW1g>



Coronavirus countermeasures: Protecting local communities through collaboration between nurses and caregivers

With the assistance of The Nippon Foundation’s “Novel Coronavirus Emergency Support Fund,” we conducted a project based at The Nippon Foundation Home-care Nursing Centers to provide caregivers with guidance on infectious disease prevention measures, provide necessary hygiene equipment, improve the ability to prevent infection in the community, and build relationships to enable consultations to take place at any time in future. A total of 40 home-care nursing centers in 17 prefectures and more than 100 home-visit nursing stations cooperated, with the circle of collaboration extending to more than 320 nursing care facilities. We hope to see nurses play a leadership role and create a system to protect local communities.



Nursing Now Forum in Japan.



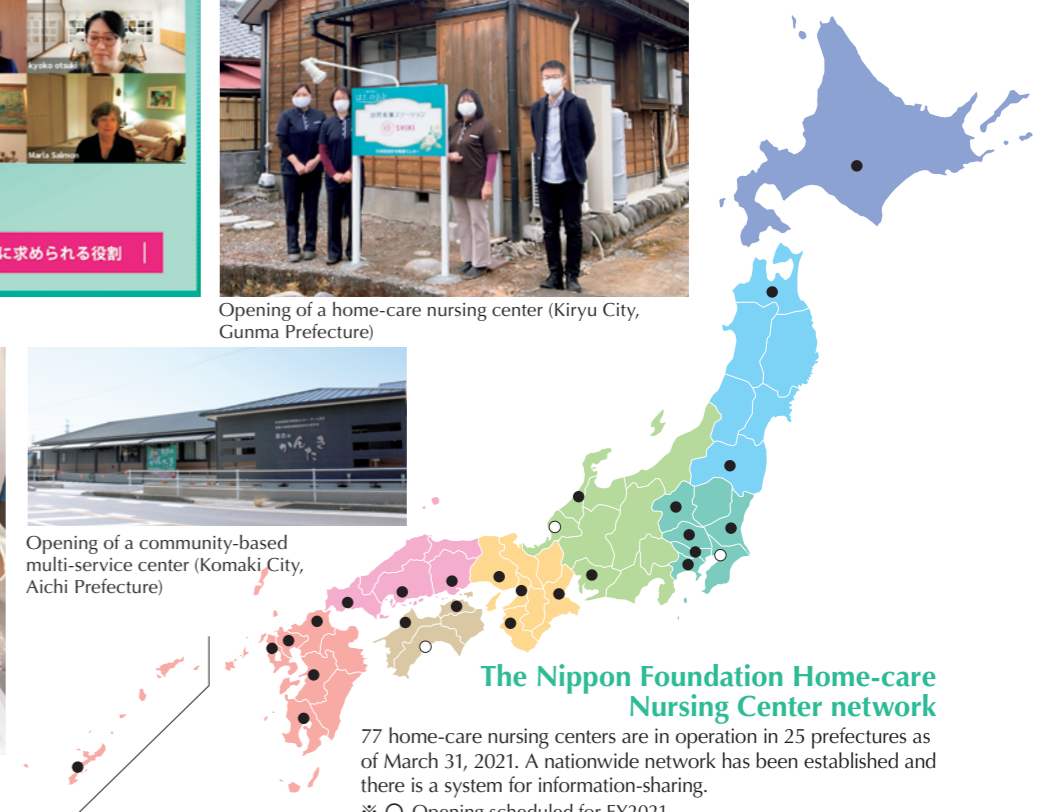
Opening of a home-care nursing center (Kiryu City, Gunma Prefecture)



Preventing coronavirus infection and strengthening cooperation in the community through the provision of hygiene equipment.



Opening of a community-based multi-service center (Komaki City, Aichi Prefecture)



What We Accomplished in FY2020

Activities for World Leprosy Day

World Leprosy Day is marked every year on the last Sunday in January and is an opportunity for stakeholders to work together to raise awareness of Hansen's disease. Our Foundation organized many activities for World Leprosy Day 2021.

Global Appeal (held online)

Since it was initiated in 2006, the annual Global Appeal to End Stigma and Discrimination against Persons Affected by Leprosy has partnered with influential individuals and organizations with global reach to deepen understanding of Hansen's disease and appeal for an end to discrimination against those the disease affects. Focused on "the right to work" and endorsed by the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), Global Appeal 2021 was the first appeal in the series to be launched online.

Social Media Photo Contest

A social media photo contest was held on the theme of "Working with Dignity." Many persons affected by Hansen's disease participated, posting photos conveying the message that no one should be deprived of the right to work because of Hansen's disease.

Message from the WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination

The WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination posted a message on the WHO website stressing that "leprosy requires our attention" even amid the COVID-19 pandemic. "We must eliminate the obstacles that prevent affected individuals and their families from living in dignity and enjoying all their basic human rights as full members of society." His message was picked up by various media around the world. A video message from the Goodwill Ambassador posted on social media reached over 4 million people.

Joint Campaign with Government of India and WHO

In cooperation with India's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the WHO Country Office, the Foundation created a pictorial flipchart on leprosy for use by community health workers known as ASHA to assist with case detection and advocacy. About 310,000 flipcharts are being printed and distributed in six high-endemic states: Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, West Bengal, Bihar, and Jharkhand. The initiative was announced to coincide with India's Anti-Leprosy Day on January 30 and was reported in more than 120 media outlets in India.



Held online for the first time, the Global Appeal featured messages from the WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination, the General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the WHO Director-General, the UN Special Rapporteur on leprosy, and representatives of organizations of persons affected by leprosy.

Results of Support for Community Health Activities

In order to realize "Better Health & Dignity for All," recognizing health as a basic human right, we supported research, awareness-raising activities, and study abroad for nurses as we aim for primary healthcare that empowers people to think and behave proactively about their health. This was a year that required flexibility and adaptability, such as going online and adjusting our methods and plans, as ways of working and living were transformed by the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Under the circumstances, we focused on various themes in line with the prevailing conditions, such as encouraging multidisciplinary collaboration to support medical care, improving the quality of home care, and promoting advanced care planning (ACP). We also took up themes such as insomnia in the elderly, pediatric care, utilization of communication tools for children with disabilities, and suicide countermeasures in disaster-stricken areas.

In Tagawa District in Fukuoka Prefecture, where the proportion of old people in the population exceeds 35%, nurses took the lead in holding a workshop for seniors to think about end-of-life issues, while taking full precautions against possible coronavirus infection. It was an opportunity to shape medical treatment and care in line



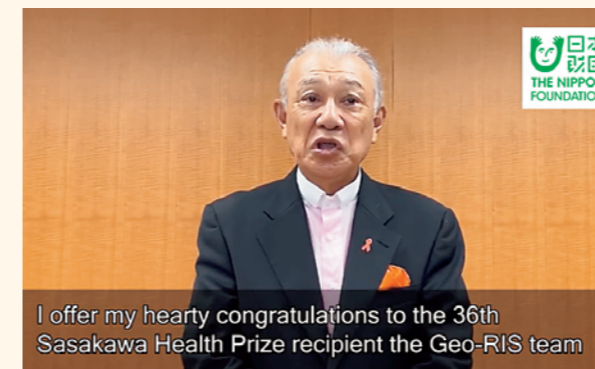
with each participant's outlook, values, and wishes. In the field of palliative care, in addition to supporting specialist training for doctors and nurses we have also provided support for research. In FY2020, five papers compiled with our backing were published in specialist journals—three overseas and two in Japan. Not only was this recognition of the achievements of the researchers, but we can expect their findings to have social value and be utilized in the medical field as new academic knowledge. We were delighted that this was the result of our support.



Research papers were recognized with publication in international journals

WHO Sasakawa Health Prize Award Ceremony via Video

Inaugurated in 1985, the WHO Sasakawa Health Prize is presented annually at the World Health Assembly. The award ceremony for 2020 was postponed until January 13, 2021, due to the coronavirus pandemic. Yohei Sasakawa, chairman of The Nippon Foundation, congratulated the winner, Geo-RIS—the Geo-Spatial System of Integrated Health Networks of the Ministry of Health, Peru—in a video message.



Yohei Sasakawa, chairman of The Nippon Foundation, delivers a video message to the winners.

Online Public Lectures on the Coronavirus

Under the title "Measures against novel coronavirus infection required for home care", Dr. Yoshihiro Takayama (Department of Community Care, Department of Infectious Diseases, Okinawa Prefectural Chubu Hospital) was invited to deliver an open lecture on what to be aware of when providing home-visit nursing. Two nurses from the home-care nursing network who have cared for coronavirus patients talked about their experiences and answered questions. About 940 people from Hokkaido to Okinawa took part.



Dr. Yoshihiro Takayama of Okinawa Prefectural Chubu University



<https://www.shf.or.jp/information/10860>

"From Chernobyl to Fukushima"—A Summary of Involvement with Radiation Disasters

From 1991 to 2001, the Foundation provided on the ground support in Chernobyl, Ukraine, following the 1986 nuclear disaster there. We were responding to a request from Yohei Sasakawa, then president of The Nippon Foundation, who had been asked by the Soviet Union's president, Mikhail Gorbachev, for assistance. We also became involved with the Chernobyl Tissue Bank that had been established. From 2014 to 2021, following the nuclear accident in Fukushima in 2011, we held summer seminars on radiation disaster medicine with the cooperation of Fukushima Medical University and Nagasaki University. This year, we produced "From Chernobyl to Fukushima", summarizing these activities.



Cooperation with WHO on Leprosy Elimination Activities

WHO's leprosy program involves three levels of activity: global, regional, and national. This year, we supported the Global Leprosy Programme (GLP), which oversees global leprosy control activities; technical assistance to countries by WHO Regional Offices in Africa, the Eastern Mediterranean, Southeast Asia, the Western Pacific, and the Americas; and leprosy control activities (including clinical training for health workers and enhanced surveillance) in 21 countries, including India, Brazil, and Indonesia.



An online course on leprosy created by the Global Leprosy Programme. Eight different lectures, including those on diagnosis, treatment, and lepra reactions, are available free of charge. (<https://searo.labs.enablingdimensions.com/login/index.php>. Scheduled to move to WHO resource center in 2021)

Statement of accounts: Net asset increase/decrease

From April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021

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	13,802,104	13,802,104
		Profit from special asset management	43,988,353	27,076,058	71,064,411
		Operating revenue	525,491,604	0	525,491,604
		Subsidies received	817,396,241	77,730,000	895,126,241
		Donations received	2,725,326	0	2,725,326
		Miscellaneous revenue	13,052,589	355,000	13,407,589
		Profit from special asset sales	495,663	39,330	534,993
		Total ordinary revenue	1,403,149,776	119,002,492	1,522,152,268
	(2) Ordinary expenses	Subsidies program cost	817,396,241	0	817,396,241
		Self-funded program cost	105,842,044	0	105,842,044
		Contract business cost	479,911,491	0	479,911,491
		Total program expenses	1,403,149,776	0	1,403,149,776
		Subsidies administration cost	0	46,934,007	46,934,007
		Self funds administration cost	0	29,299,636	29,299,636
		Total administration expenses	0	76,233,643	76,233,643
		Total ordinary expenses	1,403,149,776	76,233,643	1,479,383,419
	Ordinary increase/decrease before adjustment of profit/loss valuation	0	42,768,849	42,768,849	
Valuation profit/loss of special asset	41,011,114	69,083,904	110,095,018		
Profit/loss from currency exchange	3,984,836	0	3,984,836		
Total valuation profit/loss	44,995,950	69,083,904	114,079,854		
Ordinary increase/decrease	44,995,950	111,852,753	156,848,703		
2. Nonrecurring increase or decrease	(1) Nonrecurring revenue	Total nonrecurring revenue	0	0	0
		(2) Nonrecurring expenses	Total nonrecurring expenses	0	0
	Nonrecurring increase or decrease		0	0	0
	Increase/decrease of general net asset		44,995,950	111,852,753	156,848,703
	Balance of general net asset at beginning of year		750,097,316	2,924,577,554	3,674,674,870
	Balance of general net asset at end of year	795,093,266	3,036,430,307	3,831,523,573	

II Restricted net asset increase or decrease

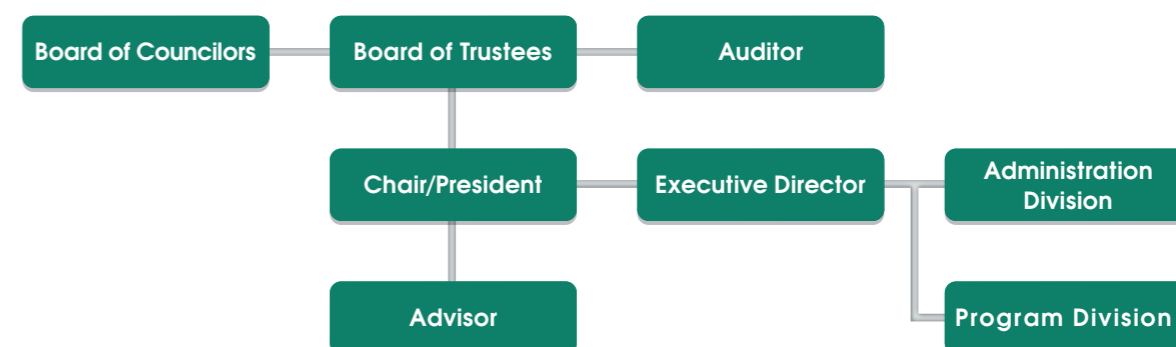
Subsidies received	640,000,000	0	640,000,000
Donations received	25,078,770	0	25,078,770
Profit from endowment management	0	1,409,945	1,409,945
Profit from special asset management	30,268,837	0	30,268,837
Valuation profit/loss of special asset	64,863,457	0	64,863,457
Reclassified into general net asset	△ 196,052,370	△ 1,409,945	△ 197,462,315
Increase/decrease of restricted net asset	564,158,694	0	564,158,694
Balance of restricted net asset at beginning of year	2,532,330,370	113,600,000	2,645,930,370
Balance of restricted net asset at end of year	3,096,489,064	113,600,000	3,210,089,064

III Balance of net asset at end of year	3,891,582,330	3,150,030,307	7,041,612,637
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Organization chart



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