

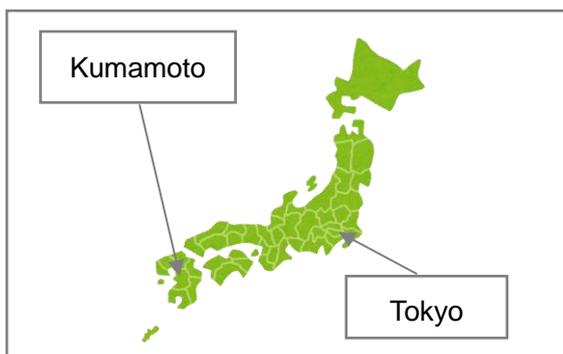
JNA News Release

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Kumamoto Earthquake



Disaster Relief Nurse

is a nursing professional who supports nursing professionals in affected areas and ensures adequate healthcare/nursing services for people in the areas in order to sustain their health.

Disaster Relief Nurses are registered at their local Prefecture Nursing Associations. Currently, the number of those registered, including Public Health Nurses, Midwives, Nurses and Assistant Nurses, is 7,771 as of March 2015.

In Kumamoto prefecture, located in the center of Kyushu region in Japan, earthquakes with a maximum magnitude of 7.0 occurred on April 14th and 16th. The major earthquakes were followed by sensible aftershocks for a prolonged period of time and the series of earthquakes and aftershocks have significantly affected many areas within the prefecture. The number of evacuees forced to stay in evacuation centers or to use their car as a shelter raised to 180 thousand since their houses were totally collapsed/partially damaged or evacuation was advised/ordered.

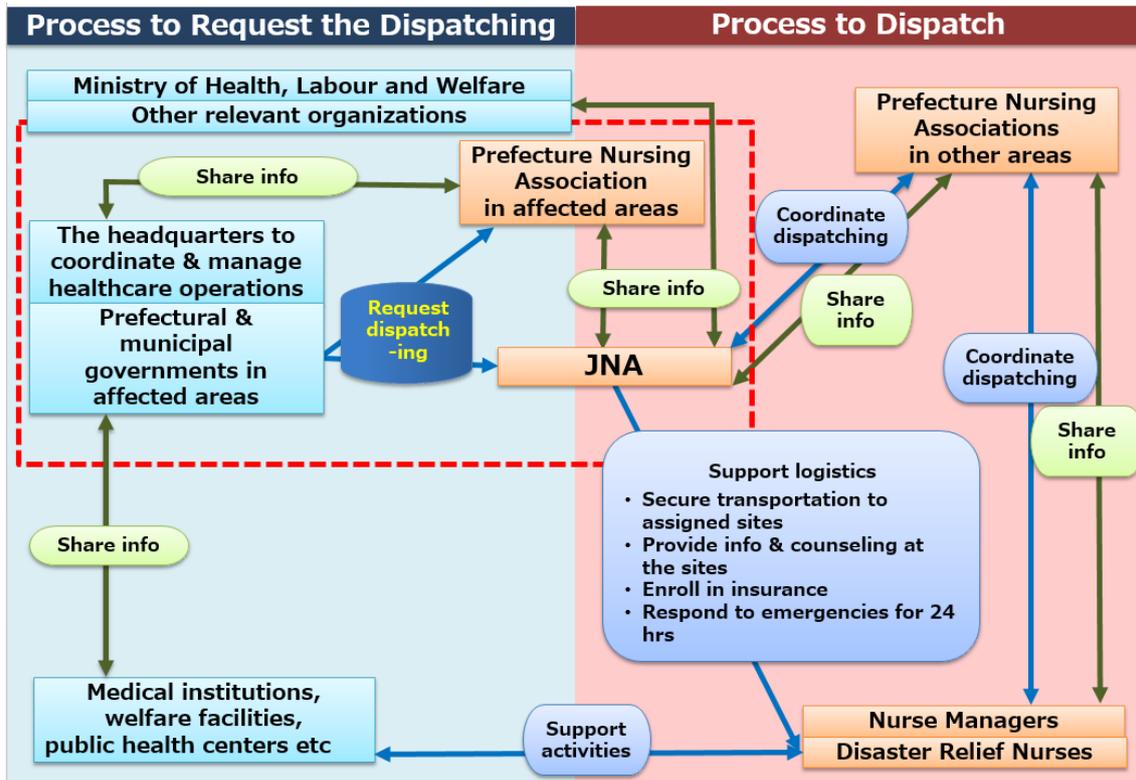
Soon after the occurrence of the disaster, JNA established the Task Force for Disaster Response and Dr. Suga Sakamoto, JNA president, was assigned as the director of the task force. Initially, Kumamoto Nursing Association coordinated the dispatching of Disaster Relief Nurses to evacuation centers within the prefecture by the request from Kumamoto prefectural government. Subsequently as the number and extent

of the requests grew, JNA initiated to coordinate the dispatching. As the support for this disaster, JNA and Prefecture Nursing Associations implemented the dispatching of 1,963 Disaster Relief Nurses in total from 16 Prefecture Nursing Associations to 32 evacuation centers within the prefecture and the dispatching period was stretched to approximately 2 months.

In general, each Disaster Relief Nurse is dispatched to and stationed in evacuation centers for 24 hours for 4 days and 3 nights and implement the following activities: environmental maintenance within evacuation centers, nursing care for the injured with minor wounds, prevention of economy-class syndrome particularly for people sleeping in their cars. The dispatching of Disaster Relief Nurses enabled protection of life and living among people affected by the disaster with a perspective unique to nursing.

Disaster Relief Network System

When a large-scale natural disaster occurs, depending on the scale of its impact, JNA or Prefecture Nursing Association in affected areas coordinate the dispatching of Disaster Relief Nurses. Particularly when the scale of the disaster is beyond the response capacity of Prefecture Nursing Association in affected areas, the dispatching process described in the diagram below is applied and JNA is involved in the coordination of the dispatching.



Message from JNA president:

After the occurrence of the disaster in Kumamoto prefecture, we have received warm messages and support from many of you and we greatly appreciate. Even though activities by Disaster Relief Nurses came to an end within the prefecture, there are still issues and challenges remaining for the process of reconstruction and recovery in the affected areas. We sincerely pray that people in the areas will regain a sense of security and normality in their lives as soon as possible. We as JNA will continue to strengthen the collaboration with Prefecture Nursing Associations and disseminate an understanding of disaster nursing in order to deliver and implement effective nursing support activities at the time of a disaster in the future.

For further information on Disaster Relief Nurse, please refer to our official English website (JNA Activities > Disaster Relief Activities).

<http://www.nurse.or.jp/jna/english/activities/projects/index.html>

Annual General Convention was Held

On June 7th and 8th, JNA held its annual general convention for the fiscal year 2016 in Chiba prefecture. The convention was attended by 5,594 representatives and JNA members in total combining for the 2 days. As the invited guests for the convention, Mr. Yasuhisa Shiozaki, Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare, Mr. Kensaku Morita, Governor of Chiba Prefecture (Mr. Hiroyuki Kawashima, Deputy Executive Director of Health and Welfare Department, attended by proxy), and Mr. Toshihito Kumagai, Mayor of Chiba City, delivered congratulatory addresses. Also, from International Council of Nurses (ICN), Dr. Masako Kanai-Pak, the First Vice-President of ICN, attended. At the convention, priority policies and main projects for the current fiscal year were reported and active discussions were conducted.

During the opening ceremony, Dr. Suga Sakamoto, JNA president in the last year of her third term, delivered an address, clearly stating decisions about JNA's strategies. As one of the specific strategies, Dr. Sakamoto named a radical reform in the basic education system for nurses and described as follows; the number of education hours currently required for the basic education curriculum is not sufficient in order to respond to the needs

JNA Priority Policies

Priority policies for this fiscal year are the following, which are the same as previous year to deal with ongoing critical issues.

- Establishment and Promotion of the community based integrated care system
- Enhancement of positive practice environments for nurses
- Promotion of the role expansion of nurses
- Development of nursing human resources capable of meeting the needs of the super-aged society with fewer children

and expectation of the society toward nurses and therefore JNA calls for the radical reform, aiming to make the length of the basic education required for nurses to be 4 years¹⁾.

Elections to the executive board saw Reiko Kikuchi re-elected as a Vice President, Kumiko Ii as an Executive Director, Noriko Saito, Toshiko Fukui and Ikumi Nakaita as Executive Officers. Other JNA executive members were appointed to their respective roles, same as previous year, and the Executive Board for this fiscal year was formed. As an Executive Officer in charge of international affairs, Ikumi Nakaita will continue to take over.

i) Currently, the length of the basic education required for nurses is more than 3 years.

For information on the basic nursing education, please refer to JNA News Release Vol. 13.
http://www.nurse.or.jp/jna/english/news/pdf/2013nr_13.pdf

Dr. Frances Hughes, CEO of International Council of Nurses, Visited JNA



From the left, Dr. Masako Kanai-Pak (ICN First Vice-President), Dr. Kumiko Ii (JNA Executive Director), Dr. Frances Hughes (ICN CEO), Dr. Ikumi Nakaita (JNA Executive Officer) and Dr. Suga Sakamoto (JNA President) at the JNA headquarters.

Dr. Frances Hughes, CEO of International Council of Nurses (ICN), visited Japan in April and delivered a presentation on healthcare workers in danger at one of sub-sessions in the Global Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development toward the 2016 G7 Ise-Shima Summit.

During her stay in Japan, Dr. Hughes visited the JNA headquarters together with Dr. Masako Kanai-Pak, the First Vice-President of ICN, on April 25th. They exchanged information and opinions with Dr. Suga Sakamoto, President of JNA, and other JNA executive members. Dr. Hughes

explained about the progress of recent ICN activities and future plans from a wide range of perspectives. She also indicated that ICN will work on the implementation of its activities and plans, while clarifying and understanding JNA's expectations toward ICN. Dr. Sakamoto stated that JNA will expect Dr. Hughes's active involvement and steady implementation of proposed activities and plans while appreciating ICN's efforts so far.