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The Third Global Ministerial Summit on Patient Safety

The Third Global Ministerial Summit on Patient Safety was held on April 13th and 14th, 2018 in Tokyo Japan, which was hosted by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan. The Japanese Nursing Association (JNA) participated in the Summit and had an opportunity to speak on behalf of the International Council of Nurses (ICN). JNA represented ICN, made intervention as follows. “Nurses contribute to the risk prevention of patients and improvement of safety and quality of healthcare. We are able to play a central role in the creation and operation of the patient safety system in various settings.” And also we stated its specific measures.

In addition, Dr. Toshiko Fukui, JNA President said that “JNA is honored to be given the opportunity to make remarks on behalf of ICN and nursing at this important summit. Appropriate nurse staffing is essential to achieve the desired patient outcome. This is clearly shown in the survey carried out by JNA. It is also important that patients and their families are empowered to participate in the effort of patient safety.”¹⁾

As a professional organization, JNA is engaged in various activities for promoting a medical safety management system for a safe environment. Initiatives of JNA include publication of Standard Text for Promoting Medical Safety, Nursing Professional Liability Insurance Program, strengthening the preventative measure for recurrence of malpractice and various policy recommendations.

Overview of the Summit

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan hosted the third Global Ministerial Summit on Patient Safety on April 13th and 14th, 2018 in Tokyo. UK and Germany hosted successfully 1st and 2nd Patient Safety Global Ministerial Summit respectively for the purpose of informing the world leaders about the importance of patient safety. There were approximately 500 participants including 44 national delegations.

The Third Global Ministerial Summit concluded “Tokyo Declaration” to welcome the vision and leadership of countries in building political sponsorship and momentum at the highest levels of government to address patient safety challenges globally as well as locally. The declaration reaffirms the commitment to improving patient safety in order to reduce all avoidable harm and the risk of harm to all patients and people during their interaction with health care systems, whoever they are, wherever they live, by 2030.²⁾

Reference and citation.

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JNA Annual General Convention for the fiscal year 2018

JNA held its Annual General Convention for the fiscal year 2018 on June 12th. The convention was attended by 3,433 delegates and JNA members in total. At the convention, four priority policies and main projects for the current fiscal year were reported and active discussion was conducted. The four priorities are namely (i) promotion of reform of the basic nursing education system, (ii) the establishment of a system for nursing service provision in the community based integrated care, (iii) promotion of work style reform for nurses, and (iv) promotion of the role expansion of nurses and development of human resources for nursing. At the Annual General Convention, election of Executive Board Members was also conducted and new Board Members were established.

Dr. Ikumi Nakaita, Executive Officer, who had been in charge of international affairs, finished her terms of office and Dr. Rieko Kawamoto, Executive Officer is taking the office.



JNA President Dr. Toshiko Fukui in the center, at Annual General Convention for fiscal year 2018

New Executive Board Members

President	Toshiko Fukui
Vice President	Kumiko Ii ,Noriko Saito, Tomoya Akiyama,
Executive Director	Hamako Katsumata
Executive Officer	Rieko Kawamoto, Kumiko Yoshikawa, Masami Kumagai, Akiko Araki, Kumiko Kamata, Hiroko Imoto

Nursing Day and Nursing Week Event

In Japan, Ministry of Health and Welfare (at the time) set on May 12th as the “Nursing Day” in 1990. JNA and prefectural nursing associations collaborate with Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) for the Nursing Day Events. At this events, we inform communities about the activities of nurses and provide various activities targeted to young people who will lead the next generation.



May 12th is the Nursing Day

The “Nursing Day” logo was created with the aim of bringing wide recognition of Nursing Day / Nursing Week and related activities.

Japanese Nursing Association

This year, JNA held Nursing Day and Nursing Week event on May 6th at JNA Headquarters in Tokyo. One of the biggest events was the award ceremony of “an unforgettable nursing episode”. JNA invited nurses and the public to submit heart-warming episodes experienced at a nursing scene. In the 8th this year, we received 3,439 episodes from across the nation. At the award ceremony, announcements of 20 excellence works and awards giving for the best works took place. Two works of the best prize were read out by event ambassador of 2018 Nursing Day. We also had an exhibition of nursing uniforms and free campaign goods distribution to the public.



Event ambassador of 2018 Nursing Day in the center and Nursing school students

JNA President Dr. Toshiko Fukui in the back right and recipients of awards the lower front

Prefectural Nursing Associations

Each prefectural nursing association held unique events which targeted wider age group from young people to elderly people. Following are some examples of unique events.

➤ **One day free healthcare room in community.**

This is a temporary public health room in the community that provides health checks such as blood vessel age measurement and bone mineral density measurement at a corner of the prefectural association and commercial facilities.

➤ **Experience of nursing for junior-high and high school students**

This event is a healthcare and social welfare facilities open the door to local residents, mainly junior-high and high school students, so that the participants could learn the work of nursing through institution tours and experiences of very basic nursing care.

➤ **Nursing class at junior-high and high school.**

Nurses and midwives who are active at healthcare institutions such as hospitals and teachers of nursing schools visit the nearby junior-high and high schools. They introduce the students about the course to become a nurse and provide the opportunity to practice very basic nursing care such as using stethoscope and others. Through the class activities, they discuss the importance of life, the mental and physical health and the role of nursing with students. In fiscal year 2017, about 40 thousands students participated in about 400 schools.

We will continue to do our best to provide opportunity for community to know about nursing through “Nursing Day and Nursing Week Event” in collaboration with prefectural nursing associations.