

# JNA News Release

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## JNA participated in the Nightingale Challenge<sup>※</sup> “Nursing Leadership and Challenges to Policy”

Since December 2020, the Japanese Nursing Association (JNA) has participated in the Nightingale Challenge, a part of the global Nursing Now campaign, which became the “Nursing Now Challenge” in June 2021. In this challenge, JNA focused on encouraging young nurses to get involved in policymaking, strengthen their leadership, and perform to their full potential in various settings. We created interview video clips with experts including global health experts, professors, and members of the Diet who play active roles internationally. They provide practical advice based on their own experiences, such as "what made you interested in policy," "interesting and challenging parts of policy engagement," and "significance of nurse's engagement in policymaking."

The video interviews with the speakers are available on the JNA website and have been updated with English subtitled as they become available.

(URL: [https://www.nurse.or.jp/jna/english/activities/projects/index.html#International\\_Activities](https://www.nurse.or.jp/jna/english/activities/projects/index.html#International_Activities))

### 【Nursing experts】



**Toshiko Fukui**

**President, Japanese Nursing Association**

"The interesting part of being engaged in policymaking is that you can share the policymaking process with many stakeholders. Regardless of interests involved, respecting the values of the other party and coordinating is also common of nursing."



**Megumi Teshima**

**Professor, Graduate School of Nursing, Chiba University**

Prior to her current position, she experienced various posts, including a visiting scholar at the University of Minnesota in the United States. Her research areas are Ethics, Organizational Development, and Nursing Administration. She is a member of the ICN Code of Ethics for Nurses Revision Committee.

"As we have learned from the spread of COVID-19, coordination and cooperation have become increasingly important with people around the world. An unprecedented era provides us with an opportunity to tackle difficulties in a creative manner. Let's focus on the nature of nursing and take on challenges."

※In Japan, the Chiba University is also participating in the Nightingale Challenge. Prof. Megumi Teshima is a producer of the project called 3 Next. (URL: <https://3next.net/>)



**Masahiro Ishida**

**Member of the House of Councilors**

After working as a nurse in clinical settings, he worked for the JNA and Japanese Nursing Federation and was appointed to the current position in 2013.

"The important thing is to deliver a message, "I have a dream", and what kind of society and future we want to create. I would like younger generation to think outside the box, and look at the nature of things and have a dream."



**Sawako Kawamura**

**Professor, School of Nursing, Seirei Christopher University**

She is a pioneer of Intractable Disease Nursing and Visiting Nursing in Japan. She has led the development of a number of social systems and laws.

"When something that one nurse cannot do is captured well in the policy, then wonderful results will be produced. That is why, it is important to overlook a whole society and transmit information in ways that others can understand."



**Kyoko Shimabukuro**

**President, Kitasato University**

She became the first president of a university of life sciences with a nursing background in Japan.

"I would like you to be interested not only in healthcare issues but also in social matters. It would be good if you could understand that economic conditions and politics are related to the fundamental problems of your patients, and think about what kind of policies are needed."

**【Experts outside nursing】**



**Takeshi Kasai, MD**

**Regional Director, Western Pacific Regional Office, World Health Organization**

For more than 15 years, he has been committed to emerging infectious diseases and public health emergency responses in the Asia-Pacific region of WHO.

"Every person has the ability to lead. In order to bring out that leadership, it is important to think about the feeling you had when you first decided to become a nurse. And it's also essential to be able to see the true nature of things and judge what is important."



**Yasuhide Nakamura, MD**

**President, Representative Director, Friends of WHO Japan,  
Professor Emeritus, Osaka University**

He is a pediatrician who has worked for JICA, UNHCR and other organizations to promote the Maternal and Child Health Handbook throughout the world.

"The power of young nurses to make a breakthrough is outstanding in the field of global health. Policies will change when frontline nurses raise their voice as advocates of patients, pregnant women and communities."



**Reiko Hayashi**

**Deputy Director-General, National Institute of Population and Social Security Research**

She holds Ph.D. in Policy Studies, Master of Health Sciences and Bachelor of Engineering (Architecture).

As a technical advisor to Ministry of Health in the Republic of Senegal, she got involved in health policy, health information systems and hospital management.

"Nurses are the ones who work most closely with patients. I would like to see the seeds of innovation sprouting from on-site activities."



**Tamayo Marukawa**

**Member of the House of Councilors, Minister for the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games, Minister of State for Gender Equality and Minister in charge of Women's Empowerment** (Chairperson, Public Relations Headquarters of the Liberal Democratic Party at the time of video shooting)

"As Japan's rapidly aging, politics has not keeping pace. The voices of frontline nurses help to accelerate speed up the process. I would like you to express your opinions on politics."