

ASEAN-Japan High Level Officials Meeting on Caring Societies

1. Back Ground

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan (MHLW) held “East Asian Meeting of High-Level Officials on Caring Societies” annually from 1997 to 2002 in order to strengthen the regional cooperation among East Asian countries from the viewpoint of the idea of “World Welfare Plan” that Japan had advocated in the Lyons summit in 1996. Through these East Asian Meetings of High-Level Officials on Caring Societies, the MHLW contributed significantly to further strengthening cooperation in caring society fields in the East Asian region. On the basis of these success in conducting the East Asian Meetings of High-Level Officials on Caring Societies, the MHLW, since 2003, has also held the ASEAN & Japan High Level Officials Meeting on Caring Societies and has invited high-level administrative officials who are in charge of health and social welfare policy from the ASEAN-10 countries to continue strengthening the development of human resources and to further promote collaborative relationships between the ASEAN countries and Japan.

2. Past themes of the ASEAN & Japan High Level Officials Meeting on Caring Societies

The 1st Meeting	November, 2003	Human Resource Development for Social Welfare and Health Services
The 2nd Meeting	August, 2004	Development of Human Resources and Implications of Aging Societies
The 3rd Meeting	August, 2005	Health and Welfare Services for Children and People with Disabilities
The 4th Meeting	August, 2006	Support to Vulnerable People (Children and Women)
The 5th Meeting	August, 2007	Collaboration of Social Welfare and Health Services and the Development of Human Resources and Community -Community Services for the Elderly-
The 6th Meeting	September, 2008	Healthy Next Generation -Strengthening Joint Collaboration between Health and Social Welfare -
The 7th Meeting	August, 2009	Towards an Inclusive Society -Strengthening the collaboration between social welfare, health and medical systems for Children with Disabilities-
The 8th Meeting	August, 2010	Poverty alleviation with a focus on vulnerable people -through strengthening collaboration between the social welfare and health services-
The 9th Meeting	October, 2011	Human resource development in the sectors of welfare and health -with a focus on capacity building of service providers and employability promotion of vulnerable people-
The 10th Meeting	October, 2012	Caring Societies for the Socially Vulnerable People Suffering After Natural Disasters
The 11th Meeting	December, 2013	Active Aging

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1. Date and Venue

Date: From 3 December to 5 December 2013

Venue: Shinagawa Prince Hotel Tokyo

2. Theme

Active Aging

3. Expected participants

- ASEAN countries

The following six officials from all ASEAN countries (Kingdom of Cambodia, Republic of Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Republic of the Philippines, Kingdom of Thailand, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Brunei Darussalam and the Republic of Singapore)

- ◇ Health sector: Two officials including one Director General or equivalent
- ◇ Welfare sector: Two officials including one Director General or equivalent
- ◇ Labour sector: Two officials including one Director General or equivalent

- China and Republic of Korea

4. Expected collaborator

- ◇ The ASEAN Secretariat
- ◇ WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific (WPRO)
- ◇ International Labour Organization (ILO) Office in Japan
- ◇ Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

5. Programme (draft)

Day 1: Tuesday 3 December 2013

- Opening ceremony (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan)
- Presentations
- Presentations from ASEAN countries

Day 2: Wednesday 4 December 2013

- Site Visit to facilities providing health and welfare services

Day 3: Thursday 5 December 2013

- Presentations from The ASEAN Secretariat, WHO/WPRO, JICA and ILO
- Group Discussion
- Developing recommendations
- Closing address