Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Welfare Foundation Announces Overseas NPO Social Welfare Grant Recipients

The Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Welfare Foundation (President: Masaya Futamiya) has announced the 2015 overseas nonprofit social welfare organizations selected for grants totaling 4.6 million yen. The six recipients, introduced below with a summary of their activities, are engaged in social welfare programs in India and ASEAN countries.

Overseas grant program

The Foundation launched the grant program for overseas social welfare organizations in 2010 as an extension of financial support program for social welfare organizations in Japan. The Foundation provides overseas grants to support nonprofit organizations conducting social welfare activities in developing countries and regions. The fiscal year 2015 grants were awarded based on recommendations solicited from individuals at Japanese companies operating in India and the ASEAN member states—Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Grant presentation ceremonies

The Foundation and local affiliates of Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Insurance Inc. in each region will host grant presentation ceremonies for the recipients by the end of March 2016.

The Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Welfare Foundation

Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Welfare Foundation is a public service entity created and funded by Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Insurance Inc. to promote social welfare activities. In addition to its core mission of awarding the above grants, the Foundation provides research grants and presents seminars and lectures in the social welfare, social insurance, nonlife insurance, and gerontology fields. The Foundation also presents the Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Welfare Foundation Award for outstanding academic research in social welfare in Japan, subsidizes lectures and symposiums presented by the award recipients, and offers scholarships and loans to individuals training to be care workers.

Fiscal Year 2015 Overseas Grant Recipients

Country	Organization	Use of Grant Funds	Grant Amount
Malaysia	PT Foundation	Fund HIV/AIDS prevention and care activities and programs for children living with HIV	15,000 MYR (Approximately ¥500,000)
Myanmar	Eden Centre for Disabled Children (ECDC)	Fund care programs for children and youth with disabilities and projects to promote independence and feelings of empowerment	8 mil. MMK (Approximately ¥800,000)
Philippines	Action Inc.	Fund haircut training for children in orphanages and poverty zones as part of its occupational training program to promote self-reliance	380,000 PHP (Approximately ¥1 million)
Singapore	SPD	Fund wheelchair upgrades to boost the workplace productivity of people with physical disabilities and to acquire containers and pallets needed for packing operations	10,000 SGD (Approximately ¥900,000)
Thailand	Association for Independent Living of People With Disability (AILD)	Fund improvements to access to and usage of facilities at local markets as part of a project to improve the local environment for people with disabilities	200,000 THB (Approximately ¥700,000)
	Health and Share Foundation	Fund a treatment support project for people living with HIV	200,000 THB (Approximately ¥700,000)