## Sompo Japan Foundation Commits total of 2.7 Million Yen for Social Welfare Programs in ASEAN Countries

Sompo Japan Foundation (President: Masatoshi Sato; hereinafter "the Foundation"), an organization to which Sompo Japan Insurance Inc. (President: Kengo Sakurada; hereinafter "Sompo Japan") makes charitable contributions, extends "overseas grants" with an aim to improve overseas social welfare. Upon soliciting applications from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that carry out social welfare activities in ASEAN member nations, the Foundation has decided to provide a total of about 2.7 million yen in grants to three organizations. Grant presentation ceremonies are scheduled to take place in the countries of the organizations by the end of March 2014.

## 1. Overview of "Overseas Grants"

The Foundation has extended "overseas grants" since 2010 with an aim of scaling up the grant system implemented in Japan and improving overseas social welfare (especially in developing countries and regions). "Overseas grants" are provided for social welfare activities of NGOs that are implemented in the countries from which the Foundation solicits applications, based on the recommendations of employees at Japanese firms who are stationed in the countries. This fiscal year, applications were solicited from ASEAN member states (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam).

## 2. About the Recipients of the "Overseas Grants"

Based on a rigorous review conducted by the selection committee, the Foundation has decided to extend a total of about 2.7 million yen in grants to three NGOs headquartered in Singapore, the Philippines and Thailand. The details are as shown at the bottom of the page.

Note: Sompo Japan Foundation was established on October 1, 1977 with the charitable contributions of Yasuda Fire and Marine Insurance Co., Ltd. (now Sompo Japan) as an arm to carry out the social contribution activities of the company. The main activities of the Foundation aside from "overseas grants" include the provision of grants to social welfare organizations for the purchase of automobiles, the awarding of "Sompo Japan Foundation Awards" which honor outstanding academic social welfare works in Japan, as well as the provision of research grants and the holding of workshops and seminars on social welfare, social insurance, and Property & Casualty insurance.

## The list of Recipients

Country	Organization	Use of grants	Grant amount
	name		
Singapore	Autism	Management expenses for a program to	Singapore Dollar
	Association	improve athletic ability and promote	12,340
		self-regulation (physical health	equivalent to
		management) through sports.	1,000,000 yen
Philippines	Salt Payatas	Expenses toward the creation of an	Philippine Peso
	Foundation	environment where children can learn and	300,700
	Philippines,Inc	participate in other activities through the	equivalent to
		improvement of children's halls	720,000 yen
		(children's empowerment centers) in	
		slums (government funded model zones	
		for resettlement).	
Thailand	Foundation of	Projects to promote the social	Thai Baht
	Asia-Pacific	participation and employment of people	300,392
	Development	living with disabilities through a cafe	equivalent to
	Center on	(within the grounds of the Thai Ministry	950,000 yen
	Disability	of Social Development and Human	
	(APCD)	Security).	