

Activities of WHO Alliance for Healthy Cities Japan Chapter (August 2009 – March 2010)

1. The Fifth General Assembly and Conference for the WHO Alliance for Healthy Cities Japan Chapter (August 5-6, 2009)

The board of directors for the Japan Chapter was elected at the Fifth General Assembly held in Obu City, Aichi Prefecture. Owariasahi City, Aichi Prefecture was elected as Chair, Fukuroi City, Shizuoka Prefecture and Tajimi City, Gifu Prefecture were elected as Vice Chairs, and Abiko City, Chiba Prefecture was chosen as Comptroller.

The following cities were appointed as committee chairs and members according to Article 30 of the Statutes of the WHO Alliance for Healthy Cities Japan Chapter and Article 4 of the Guidelines for Establishing Committees for the WHO Alliance for Healthy Cities Japan Chapter.

Committee	Chair	Members
Membership Committee	○	Obu City
		Owariasahi City
Public Relations Committee	○	Nagareyama City
		Yamato City
Citizen's Activities Support Committee	○	Ichikawa City
		Fukuroi City
		Nagoya City



The Japan Chapter of the WHO Alliance for Healthy Cities held the Fifth General Assembly and Conference in Obu City, “A Healthy City in which everyone shines with happiness,” on the theme “Heartwarming City Development which makes use of Relationships among People.” The program included a talk session by Saori Yoshida (who won the gold medal in women’s freestyle wrestling in the Olympics in both Athens and Beijing) and her coach Kazuhito Sakae and presentation of case studies. Dietary Health Mates and Health Promoters of Obu City introduced “Programs Implemented by Citizens,” an Obu City official presented “Obu City’s Information System to Prevent Hyperthermia,” and an official from Fukuroi City gave a talk on “Fukuroi City’s Smile Exercises Health Challenge!! ”

2. Achievements

The Japan Chapter which started with 4 cities now has 26 member cities, and continues to grow.

A presentation on efforts by citizens instead of by the administration was given for the first time at the third conference of the Japan Chapter, and this trend has been succeeded in the fifth conference which was held collaboratively by citizens and the administration. The number of citizens participating in the general assembly and conference has grown with each event, and active exchange takes place among them.

Three new committees (Membership Committee, Public Relations Committee, and Citizen's Activities Support Committee) were established in fiscal year 2009, and the Japan Chapter has begun to develop its own activities.

The network among member cities was also enhanced as seen in the sharing of information on measures against Pandemic (H1N1) 2009.

3. Major steps taken by the Secretariat of the Japan Chapter

December 2009	Notified member cities that "The Heritage of Le Corbusier" Exhibition supported by the WHO Alliance for Healthy Cities will be held in Japan.
	Appointed Mr. Mitsuyuki Chiba as advisor for the WHO Alliance for Healthy Cities Japan Chapter.
February 2010	Appointed members for the screening committee for the Healthy Cities Support Program for NPO/Volunteer Activities.
March 2010	Shared information on measures taken by member cities against Pandemic (H1N1) 2009.
January, March 2010	Invited member cities to participate in World Health Day 2010.

4. Major steps taken by the Membership Committee of the Japan Chapter

January 2010	Conducted a questionnaire survey regarding visits to member cities on Healthy City.
March 2010	Sent membership invitations to municipalities which visited member cities (municipalities which showed interest in Healthy Cities) and cities which have announced themselves as Healthy Cities or names similar aims. (Invitations were sent to about 250 municipalities in Japan.)

5. Major steps taken by the Public Relations Committee of the Japan Chapter

October 2009	Established a website with records of the Fifth General Assembly and Conference for the WHO Alliance for Healthy Cities Japan Chapter. Revised information on member cities, Secretariat, and statutes of the Japan Chapter.
March 2010	Sent out inquiries on member cities' program registration for World Health Day 2010.

6. Steps taken by the Citizen's Activities Support Committee of the Japan Chapter

- a. It was decided at the Third General Assembly and Board of Directors for the WHO Alliance for Healthy Cities Japan Chapter held in October that the Healthy Cities Support Program for NPO/Volunteer Activities shall be established, and that the program should be implemented by the Japan Chapter.

November 2009	Determined the Healthy Cities Support Program for NPO/Volunteer Activities pilot project guidelines (The guidelines were approved by the Board of Directors in July 2009, and by the Japan Chapter in November 2009.)
December 2009	Organizations were invited to submit applications for the Healthy Cities Support Program for NPO/Volunteer Activities.
February 2010	A screening committee was established for the Healthy Cities Support Program for NPO/Volunteer Activities.
March 2010	Applications for the Healthy Cities Support Program for NPO/Volunteer Activities were screened. ←A decision was made to offer support to two organizations recommended by Hue City, Vietnam and Ulan Bator City, Mongolia