



Now "APHCO NEWS" is into our 12th issue.

## 1. The 10th APHCO General Meeting Was Held

The 10<sup>th</sup> APHCO general meeting was held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, on October 12, 2015 (Mon.), attended by 7 people from 4 organizations. The meeting confirmed a 2013-2015 activity summary and approved an activity plan for 2015-2017 based on Tokyo Declaration and Quebec Declaration.

The 2015-2017 activity plan includes collaboration among health coops as APHCO in case of major disaster as well as



General meeting

medical and preventive measures for infectious diseases.

Regarding the board re-election, Dr. Jong Han Leem (Korea Health & Welfare Social Cooperative Federation) and Dr. Jun Takahashi (HeW CO-OP JAPAN) were newly elected as board members.

Dr. Shizuo Horiuchi (HeW CO-OP JAPAN), the long-time board, resigned from the position.

The following is a list of the new board members.



Dr. Shizuo Horiuchi (right), thank you for your long-term support.

Name	Position	Affiliation
Dr. Takaaki Fujiwara	President	HeW CO-OP JAPAN, Japan
Dato Dr. Syed Mohd Salleh	Vice-President	KDM, Malaysia
Mr. Sri.Mooyarath.Padmanabhan	Vice-President	Kerala Co-operative Hospital Federation, India
Dr. Vijay Deshmukh	Board Member	Shushrusha Citizens' Co-operative Hospital, India
Dr. Jun Takahashi (New)	Board Member	HeW CO-OP JAPAN, Japan
Dr. Jong Han Leem (New)	Board Member	Korea Health & Welfare Social Cooperative Federation, Republic of Korea

The venues for the 2016 APHCO board meeting and 2017 APHCO general meeting were also discussed. The following is a schedule of the upcoming meetings.

Scheduled Meeting	Date	Host Country
19 <sup>th</sup> APHCO Board Meeting	October 2016	Nepal
11 <sup>th</sup> APHCO General Meeting	To be decided at the 2016 board meeting	To be decided at the 2016 board meeting

## 2. Korea Health & Welfare Social Cooperative Federation Organized a Symposium



Symposium

A symposium titled “The promote strategy for healthy villages that prepare for the elder society: focusing on public-private partnerships” was held at Seoul Citizens Hall after the 10<sup>th</sup> APHCO General Meeting on October 12, 2015 (Mon.). Over 45 people attended the event.

Prof. Kwangwook Koh (MD, Kosin University College of Medicine), the main speaker, presented examples in developing healthy cities through citizens’ participation. Then, Dr. Takaaki Fujiwara (President, HeW CO-OP JAPAN) introduced “Han-group meetings for active brain” as a program to prevent dementia.

Following these presentations, a panel discussion was held by Dato Dr. Syed Mohd Salleh (KDM, Malaysia), Kyung-ae Joh(Gunganghan Health Welfare Social Cooperative), and Chun-hee oh(Happy Village Health Welfare Social Cooperative).

Questions were raised regarding group health checkups for foreign workers and affordable treatment in collaboration with Malaysian government by KDM, Malaysia, as well as youth participation in consumer coop activities in Republic of Korea. The participants actively exchanged experiences and opinions, and the symposium ended with great enthusiasm.



## 3. Visiting Korean Cooperatives

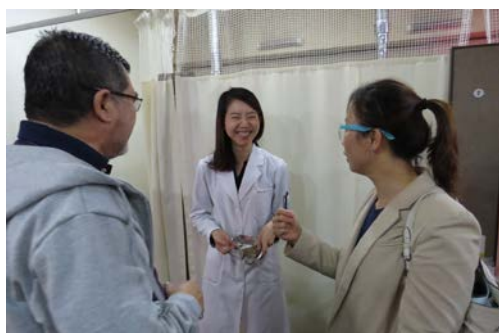


Learning about SEOUL Health Welfare Social Coop

On October 13, 2015 (Tue.), 10 people who attended the 10<sup>th</sup> APHCO General Meeting (including 3 secretariats) visited an oriental medicine clinic and a dental clinic run by SEOUL Health Welfare Social Cooperative.

The participants learned about history of SEOUL Health Welfare Social Cooperative, as well as its business activities and Han activities.

They are encouraging youth participation. For example, they have established Youth Committees, and college students invite people on



Exchange with staff at an oriental medicine clinic



Visit to a dental clinic

the street to experience first aid.

## 4. HeW CO-OP JAPAN Representatives Visited Nepal



The massive earthquake on April 25, 2015, and its aftershocks have killed nearly 9,000 people in Nepal. Representatives of HeW CO-OP JAPAN visited Nepal from October 14 to 17, 2015, to study damage from the major earthquake and reconstruction efforts.



phect-NEPAL, a fellow APHCO member, started medical assistance immediately after the quake. phect-NEPAL themselves were also victims of the disaster. For example, they could not use their hospital ICU because of the quake. However, they continue to provide support to victims; doctors and nurses are playing the leading roles.

Immediately after the quake:  
Looks almost like a field hospital



President Takaaki Fujiwara and Dr. Pradhan, CEO (right)

About a half year has already passed since the quake in Nepal, but the reconstruction process has been slow except in the capital Kathmandu. Disaster victims are still stuck in temporary housing. The temperature will decline as the winter approaches; the life in temporary housing is expected to become even more difficult.

After the site visit, President Takaaki Fujiwara (HeW CO-OP JAPAN) met with officers of phect-NEPAL to discuss the damage in Nepal and future support, including financial assistance.

It was decided that HeW CO-OP JAPAN and APHCO would continue to disseminate information and to call for support for Nepal.



Meeting with officials at Kirtipur Teaching Hospital