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Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Welfare Foundation

**Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Welfare Foundation Announces
FY2018 International Social Welfare Grant Recipients**

The Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Welfare Foundation (President: Masaya Futamiya) has announced the fiscal year 2018 nonprofit social welfare organizations outside Japan selected for grants totaling 4.7 million yen. The five recipients, introduced below with a summary of their activities, are engaged in social welfare programs in India or ASEAN countries.

1. International grant program

The Foundation launched the international grant program for social welfare organizations in fiscal 2010 as an extension of financial support program for social welfare organizations in Japan.

The Foundation offers grants to support nonprofit organizations engaging in social welfare activities in developing countries and regions. The grants are awarded based on recommendations solicited from local representatives of Japanese companies who are working in India or the ASEAN member states — Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

2. Grant presentation ceremonies

The Foundation and local affiliates of Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Insurance Inc. in each country and region will host grant presentation ceremonies for the recipients by the end of March 2019.

About 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 as part of the company's contribution to society. In addition to its core mission of awarding the above grants, the Foundation offers research grants and holds seminars and lectures in the fields of social welfare, social insurance, nonlife insurance, and gerontology. The Foundation also presents the Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Welfare Foundation Awards for outstanding academic research in social welfare in Japan, subsidizes lectures and symposiums presented by the award recipients, and offers scholarships to individuals training to be care workers.

Attachment**FY2018 Grant Recipients in countries and regions other than Japan**

Country	Organization	Use of Grant Funds	Grant Amount
Malaysia	Persatuan STAND	Upgrade facilities for the young people with special needs to receive occupational training such as learning skills in baking breads.	MYR25,000 (Approx. ¥680,000)
The Philippines	Project PEARLS, Inc	Offer various support programs for children living in slum communities, including meal programs, after-school programs and building a library.	PHP460,000 (Approx. ¥1,000,000)
Singapore	Down Syndrome Association (Singapore)	Set up the provident fund that helps economically challenged children with Down syndrome to have more opportunities for education and skill learning to live more independently.	SGD12,000 (Approx. ¥1,000,000)
Thailand	Operation Smile Thailand	Give financial support to dispatch medical volunteers so that economically challenged children suffering from cleft lips and/or cleft palates can receive free surgeries.	THB 289,000 (Approx. ¥1,000,000)
India	TRAX SPORTS SOCIETY	Support raising young people's awareness of road safety to prevent and reduce car accidents, which is one of the major social issues in India by holding seminars and publishing educational materials.	INR621,000 (Approx. ¥1,000,000)