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Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Welfare Foundation

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

The Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Welfare Foundation (President: Masaya Futamiya) has announced the 2016 overseas nonprofit social welfare organizations selected for grants totaling 4.4 million yen. The six recipients, introduced below with a summary of their activities, are engaged in social welfare programs in India or 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 2016 grants are awarded based on recommendations solicited from individuals at Japanese companies operating in India or 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 2017.

**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 to individuals training to be care workers.

## Fiscal Year 2016 Overseas Grant Recipients

Country	Organization	Use of Grant Funds	Grant Amount
Cambodia	Caring for Young Khmer (CYK)	Fund teaching materials used in a project to establish pre-schools in 5 rural villages, aiming to improve children's elementary school enrollment and completion rate.	USD9,000 (Approximately ¥1,000,000)
Malaysia	PERSATUAN KANAK-KANAK ISTIMEWA AMPANG (Special Children Society of Ampang)	As part of the renovation of a center where children with intellectual disabilities receive livelihood support and vocational training, fund photovoltaic panel implementation to help the organization have a steady income and strengthen its finance.	MYR40,000 (Approximately ¥1,000,000)
Myanmar	Myanmar National Association for the Blind (MNAB)	Fund the purchase of refreshable Braille displays and low vision magnifiers to help MNAB staff with visual disabilities efficiently work in the association. The staff with visual disabilities play a central role in MNAB operations.	USD6,000 (Approximately ¥700,000)
Singapore	Singapore Association of the Visually Handicapped (SAVH)	Fund programs to offer rehabilitation and care services at a center for elderlies with visual disabilities.	SGD10,000 (Approximately ¥800,000)
Thailand	DDD foundation (Don't Drive Drunk Foundation)	Fund the donations of helmets to school children, which aim to raise family members' awareness of how dangerous riding motorbikes while drunk is, and the importance of helmet use.	THB280,000 (Approximately ¥900,000)