

Sompo Welfare Foundation Announces FY2020 International Social Welfare Grant Recipients

The Sompo Welfare Foundation (President: Masaya Futamiya) has announced the fiscal year 2020 nonprofit social welfare organizations outside Japan selected for grants totaling 3.88 million yen. The four recipients, introduced below with a summary of their activities, are engaged in social welfare programs in ASEAN countries, India or South Africa.

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, South Africa or the ASEAN member states — Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

2. Grant presentation ceremonies

Considering the global coronavirus pandemic, the Foundation and local affiliates of Sompo Holdings, Inc. in each country and region will discuss grant presentation ceremonies for the recipients, which have been held every year.

About the Sompo Welfare Foundation

Sompo Welfare Foundation is a public service entity created and funded by Sompo Japan 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 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**FY2020 Grant Recipients in countries and regions other than Japan**

Country	Organization	Use of Grant Funds	Grant Amount
Malaysia	Silent Teddies Bakery	To implement rainwater tank and garden to grow vegetables used for the cakes sold at the bakery shop, where people with hearing disability are employed	MYR 37,000 (Approx. ¥940,000)
Myanmar	Myanmar Federation of People with Disabilities (MFPD)	To support projects providing food to people with disabilities and their families who are vulnerable due to the coronavirus pandemic	USD 9,100 (Approx. ¥940,000)
The Philippines	Onesimo Bulilit Foundation, Inc.	To provide children in poverty with food and sanitation kits, and to support the cost of computers used in the learning support center	PHP 460,000 (Approx. ¥1,000,000)
Singapore	Handicaps Welfare Association (HWA)	To support the association to provide transportation services to people with mobility-related disabilities	SGD 12,850 (Approx. ¥1,000,000)