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SOMPO Welfare Foundation Announces FY2023 International Social Welfare Grant Recipients

The SOMPO Welfare Foundation (President: Keiji Nishizawa) has announced the fiscal year 2023 nonprofit social welfare organizations outside Japan selected for grants totaling 4.04 million yen. The five recipients, introduced below with a summary of their activities, are engaged in social welfare programs in ASEAN, ten Southeast Asian countries, as well as India and 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.

In terms of the international grant program for social welfare organizations, The Foundation offers grants to support nonprofit organizations engaging in social welfare activities in the 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

In cooperation with local affiliates of SOMPO Holdings, Inc. in each country and region, the Foundation will hold grant presentation ceremonies sequentially at the location of the recipient organizations by the end of March 2024.

About the SOMPO Welfare Foundation

SOMPO Welfare Foundation is a public service entity created and funded by SOMPO Holdings Inc. / SOMPO Japan Insurance Inc. to promote social welfare activities as part of the corporate 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, general 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 students, individuals training to be certified care workers.

Attachment**FY2023 Grant Recipients in countries and regions other than Japan**

Country	Organization	Use of Grant Funds	Grant Amount
Indonesia	Yayasan Dompot Dhuafa Republika	To provide Hearing Assistive Devices (HADs) in order to support deaf children aged 12-18 to access and thrive in mainstream educational environments within Central Java.	USD 6,400 (Approx. ¥940,000)
Malaysia	Women's Aid Organization (WAO)	To provide Food and essential items for 2 shelters that create a sense of stability and security for WAO shelter residents (abused women and their children) for 1 year.	MYR 22,500 (Approx. ¥700,000)
The Philippines	ANAWIM LAY MISSIONS FOUNDATION, INC.	To provide regular medical check-ups, healthy meals, and engaging activities for elders within the shelter in order to sustain their healthy body through Anawim Farm activities.	PHP 375,000 (Approx. ¥1,00,000)
Singapore	Food from the Heart	To provide the School Goodie Bag, that includes healthier-choice food items and popular sources of protein such as milk and eggs to support growth and development, for underprivileged students and their families with monthly food rations.	SGD 6,400 (Approx. ¥700,000)
Vietnam	Hope School	To support to holding a friendship concert, implemented "We Love Music Program" for children with SOMPO Group and Vietnam National Symphony Orchestra, for children orphaned due to COVID-19 pandemic as part of an educational project through music, hoping their psychological and emotional health.	USD 4,800 (Approx. ¥700,000)