Social Welfare "Overseas Grants" Grants Totaling 4 Million Yen Decided for 6 Organizations in ASEAN Member Nations

Sompo Japan Foundation (President: Masatoshi Sato; hereinafter "the Foundation"), an organization to which Sompo Japan Insurance Inc. (President: Kengo Sakurada; hereinafter "Sompo Japan") makes charitable contributions, extends "overseas grants" with an aim to improve overseas social welfare.

Upon soliciting applications from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that carry out social welfare activities in ASEAN member nations, the Foundation has decided to provide a total of 4 million yen in grants to six organizations. Grant presentation ceremonies are scheduled to take place in the countries of the organizations by the end of March 2013.

1. Overview of "Overseas Grants"

The Foundation has extended "overseas grants" since 2010 with an aim of scaling up the grant system implemented in Japan and improving overseas social welfare (especially in developing countries and regions). "Overseas grants" are provided for social welfare activities of NGOs that are implemented in the countries from which the Foundation solicits applications, based on the recommendations of employees at Japanese firms who are stationed in the countries. This fiscal year, applications were solicited from ASEAN member states (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam).

2. About the Recipients of the "Overseas Grants"

Based on a rigorous review conducted by the selection committee, the Foundation has decided to extend a total of 4 million yen in grants to six NGOs headquartered in Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Myanmar. The details are as shown at the bottom of the page. Grant presentation ceremonies are scheduled to take place at each of the grant recipient locations by the end of March 2013.

Note: Sompo Japan Foundation was established on October 1, 1977 with the charitable contributions of Yasuda Fire and Marine Insurance Co., Ltd. (now Sompo Japan) as an arm to carry out the social contribution activities of the company. The main activities of the Foundation aside from "overseas grants" include the provision of grants to social welfare organizations for the purchase of automobiles, the awarding of "Sompo Japan Foundation Awards" which honor outstanding academic social welfare works in Japan, as well as the provision of research grants and the holding of workshops and seminars on social welfare, social insurance, and Property & Casualty insurance.

Country	Organization name	Grant amount
Singapore	Singapore Disability Sports Council	500,000 yen
Malaysia	Rajang central zone Community	500,000 yen
	Service Association(RCS),	
Philippines	Adaptive Technology for Rehabilitation, Integration	800,000 yen
	and Empowerment of the Visually Impaired (ATRIEV)	
Thailand	Foundation for Women	1,000,000 yen
Thailand	AUTISTIC THAI CHONBURI CENTER	500,000 yen
Myanmar	Free Funeral Services Society	700,000 yen

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