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AMDA IN FOCUS

Dr. Shuji Tonai



Dr. Tonai examined his patient in the Paboratory

Since the First Asian Medical Student Conference held in Bangkok in 1980, we, the members of the presently recognized as AMDA or the Association of Medical Doctors for Asia, have continued the activities and nurtured friendships. Some active projects such as the various exchange programs have already been started. But I believe that we can still have a wide range of other active projects and cooperation. We are now preparing for the Sixth AMDA International Annual Conference to be held in Osaka this August. It will be a good opportunity to proceed to the next step. I personally would like to propose some joint projects concerning primary health care. I have been working in a small clinic in the rural area of Japan since 1987. **I have become more and more interested in medical anthropology and carried out some researches about illness behavior. For examples, why do people choose western medicine or traditional medicine? Or what influences the decision making of the people concerning health care? I hope that the findings will contribute to a more effective planning of health care delivery system and utilization. I am looking forward to discussing this matter with you in August.**

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PURPOSES

- 1. To publish information about AMDA activities.
- 2. To provide a medium of communication among AMDA members.
- 3. To be a forum for AMDA members to express ideas and comments.
- 4. To publish articles about health care and community development

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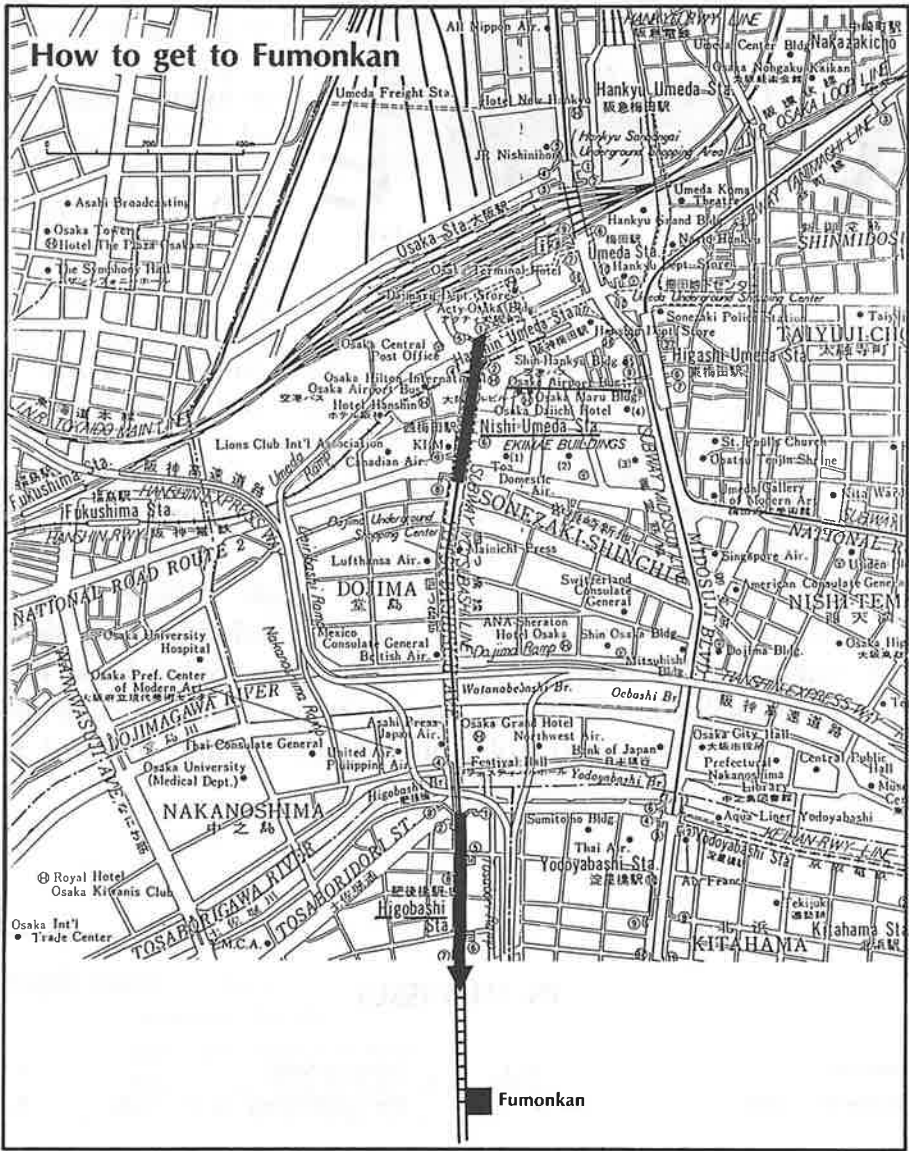
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EDITORIAL

This issue of the Newsletter comes out only 4 pages because we want to distribute the announcement about the pre-conference field study quickly. Since the Osaka conference is getting near, please send the pre-registration form to Dr. Kohei Tohda as soon as possible! If You haven't done it fill up the form and mail it today!.

The Editor

MEMBERS' CORNER

Dr. Julie Ong



Hi, I am Julie. I have just finished my residency training in Pediatrics at the Philippine General Hospital. Quite. Recently, I joined AMDA and latter found myself becoming the emcee for the Opening Ceremony of the Work-

shop on the Health of the Youth. I am impressed with the dynamism and creativity of the group and looking forward to meeting other AMDA members at the Sixth Annual Conference of the Association in Osaka. It would be my second trip to Japan.

(Julie ong, M.D., 53 Xavier St., Greenhills West, San Juan Metro-Manila, Philippines)

Dr. Carson Lo



Hello! I am Carson. I am presently a third year resident at the Department of Internal Medicine at the Makati Medical Center which is one of the most up to date private hospitals in the country. I am presently busy with work

and I plan to do some clinical research within the year. I plan to attend the Sixth AMDA International Annual Conference in Japan this August. I am involved with the paper on the Health Problems among the Refugees which turns out to be quite interesting. Hope to see you in Osaka this August!

(Carson Lo, M.D., 134 Porvenir St., Pasay Metro-Manila, Philippines)

NEWS & NOTES

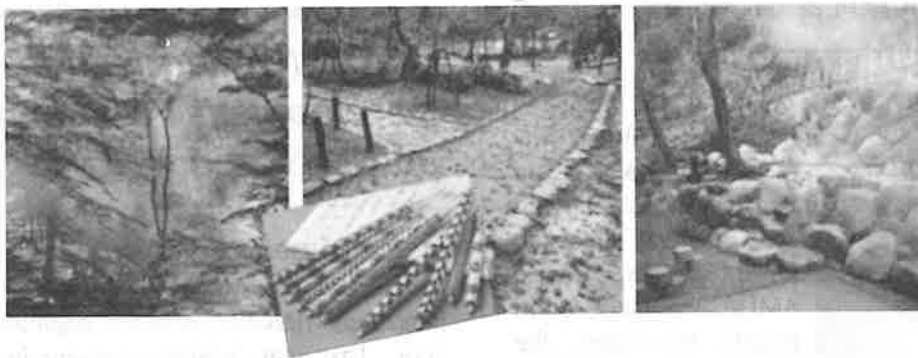
UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) Boosts Support to NGOs

A UNDP programme to encourage innovative development activities by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) is being expanded by 50 per cent. Last year, UNDP's Partners in Development Programme (PDP) awarded grants of up to \$25,000 to NGOs in 37 countries. This year, funding for the project has been increased from \$1 million to \$1.5 million, to extend participation to 61 countries. "The first year was very successful, beyond anyone's expectations," said Sarah L. Timpson, Director of UNDP's Division for NGOs. "Many innovative grassroots projects were supported and we're hoping that bilateral and private donors will recognize its potential for strengthening local NGOs and helping communities help themselves."

In all four regions of the world last year, programme grants encouraged a wide range of activities. A large number of awards were used to tackle problems related to youth, such as unemployment and drug abuse. In malaysia, the Philip-pines, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe, NGOs working to protect the environment and conserve energy were awarded grants. Local initiatives to encourage small businesses were supported in Bangladesh, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Grenada and Jamaica. In other countries, such as Burkina Faso, Mauritania, Rwanda, Togy, Uganda and Zaire, PDP funds supported training for NGOs, information activities, and the organization of Round Table meetings to co-ordinate development efforts.

(Source : World Development, Vol.2, No.3; May, 1989)

The Sixth AMDA International Annual Conference, Osaka, Japan



The Pre-conference Field Study on Primary Health Care

- Purposes :**
1. To understand community medicine in Japan through visiting a village clinic.
 2. To experience Japanese village life.
 3. To exchange ideas about community health development.

Date : August 3-4, 1989

Venue : Kutsuki village, Shiga-ken, Japan

Number of Participants : With in 10 (on the first come, first register basis)

Expense : US\$100 (including accommodation on August 2 and 3)

Program :

August 2

By evening, all participants should arrive in Osaka. The participants are requested to transfer from the airport to the hotel by themselves. The information about transportation to the hotel will be sent to those who apply for the field study.

August 3

08.00 hr.	Departure from Osaka by JR train
11.00 hr.	Arrival at Kutsuki village
11.30-12.30 hr.	Visit to the Municipal Office
12.30-13.30 hr.	Lunch
13.30-14.30 hr.	Introduction & orientation to the village and clinic
14.30-16.00 hr.	Home visit
16.00-17.15 hr.	Discussion on community medicine of the village
17.30-18.30 hr.	Visit to Green Park and Grand Public Bath
18.30- hr.	Welcome party

August 4

09.00-10.30 hr.	Inspection in the village
10.30-12.30 hr.	Visit to the out-patient clinic
12.30-13.30 hr.	Lunch
14.00- hr.	Return to Osaka

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