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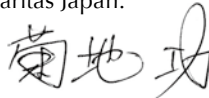
From our president

With sincere gratitude to your continuous understanding and support for our activities, I am happy to present you the "Year 2007 Annual Report of Caritas Japan".

In 2007, freshly appointed members of various Caritas committees started their three-year term. In June 2007, we participated in the general assembly of Caritas Internationalis in the Vatican which is held every four years. As for our activities, we have tried our best to organize frequent project visits and reporting sessions in order to ensure better accountability. We have also organized Social Welfare Seminars in a number of venues in Japan. The "Caritas Japan News" and our web site have been improved. Through these activities of Caritas Japan, we hope that familiarity with us has been deepened among those who have been supporting us.

We will continue our effort to create a better society that shows concern and care for each and every one. We count on your continuous understanding and support for Caritas Japan.

President
Caritas Japan
Bishop Isao Kikuchi, SVD



Solidarity with the poor

Caritas Japan provides development and social services as well as humanitarian support inside and outside the country to promote human development programme. It also supports domestic, social work and promotes educational activities regarding HIV/AIDS.

Caritas Japan works not only for emergency relief but also for the elimination of poverty by supporting education, health and human development programme based on respect for human dignity and human rights. To create a society that respects human dignity, we promote solidarity and cooperation with the oppressed to support self-help efforts in order to realize a self-reliant society sharing goals with one another as partners. Caritas Japan supports people regardless of race, gender, religion or politics. We respect traditional and cultural values of local partners who are actively involved in the decision-making process of the projects.

Lenten Campaign

Answering an appeal by the Pope that the Lenten season be used as an opportunity for intensification of prayer, fasting and almsgiving like Christ who revealed His love to us, Caritas Japan has carried out "Donation of Love" as a Lenten Campaign in Japan's 16 dioceses.

- Lenten Message of Pope Benedict XVI
Translated into Japanese and posted on a website.
- Appeal letter for Donations Circulation: 89,700
Issued an appeal letter in Japanese, English, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese and Vietnamese.
- Booklet TSUNAGU 2008 Circulation: 60,000
"TSUNAGU" means "Links" in English. This booklet is published to honor the spirit of Lent, presenting true stories about people who are vulnerable and oppressed.

Theme: **You did it for me!** (Matthew 25)

1. Sharing problems to find shared solutions
-One family's story
2. Suffering becomes smiles
-Caring for people with senile dementia
3. The importance of making choices
-Confronting burnout
4. "Anyone can come and join us."
-Working as a church receptionist
5. Saving lives among the homeless
-A connection with a person is a "home" for me
6. Don't forget us!
-National selfishness is a cause of the refugee problem



- Collection box for children Circulation: 29,000

Aid Activities

- Funding for Emergency Appeals (EA) by Caritas Internationalis 43 projects
- Human Development Projects with Caritas Member Organizations 25 projects
- Support for grass-roots activities in Japan 15 projects
- Monitoring Visits
 - Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda (August 2007)
 - Mongolia (October 2007)
 - Bangladesh (February 2008)
- Activities Report
 - Debriefing session in Tottori Church (February 2008)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Apr.'07 to Mar.'08) - TOTAL FUNDS ¥305,603,414

Japan	61,794 20.2%	Jerusalem	7,978	Madagascar	2,748
		Jordan	3,736	Mauritania	1,140
Asia & Oceania	150,833 49.4%	Lebanon	2,468	Mozambique	5,076
Asian Partnership	6,347			Rwanda	6,140
India	17,579	Europe	1,140 0.4%		
Indonesia	34,499	Bulgaria	1,140	Latin America & Caribbean	14,991 4.9%
Sri Lanka	24,817			Ecuador	971
Thailand	995	Africa	56,948 18.6%	Nicaragua	2,298
Nepal	6,566	Uganda	1,155	Haiti	1,155
Pakistan	17,577	Ghana	1,155	Paraguay	1,103
Bangladesh	25,003	Cameroon	1,583	Peru	3,387
Mongolia	9,868	Kenya	7,703	Bolivia	2,770
Solomon Islands	3,657	Democratic Republic of the Congo	14,157	Mexico	3,308
Caritas Africa	472	Zimbabwe	2,205		
Papua New Guinea	3,455	Sudan	11,518		
		Tanzania	1,133		
Middle East	19,898 6.5%	Niger	1,234		
Iraq	5,717				

[JPY by the thousand]

Overseas assistance by sector:

- Emergency Appeals: 38%
- Development projects: 62%
 - Education (19%)
 - Disaster recovery & rehabilitation (17%)
 - Empowerment (10%)
 - Support for the vulnerable (8%)
 - Health (5%)
 - Others (3%)

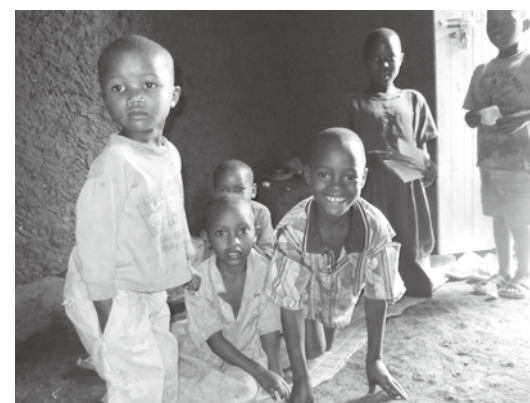
Aid Activities



Caritas Internationalis Emergency Appeals

Cyclone "Sidr" Emergency Response EA 37/2007-Bangladesh

Caritas Japan funded relief activities implemented by Caritas Bangladesh for the victims of the super cyclone "Sidr".



Development Projects

Support for genocide orphans - Rwanda

Caritas Japan is supporting a project of Caritas Rwanda that helps the genocide orphans by providing "home", meals, education and medical expenditure so they will stand on their own legs, overcoming trauma and misfortune.



Support for grass-roots organizations in Japan

Networking of disabled women -DPI Disabled Women's Network

Caritas Japan supported establishment of a network of disabled women, which is common in foreign countries but had not existed in Japan and had been eagerly desired.

Social Welfare

- Workshop about Nursing care insurance
Subject: Controversial object of the public nursing care insurance program
Number of Participants: c.30

- Seminars under the theme of “Violence” were organized :
 - Lecture in Yokohama Diocese (Fujisawa Church) in Sept. '07
Subject: **Domestic Violence**
Co-hosted with Welfare Committee of Yokohama Diocese
Number of Participants: c.60

 - Seminar in Nagasaki Diocese (Sasebo Church) in Sept. '07
Subject: **Violence in the Family**
- **Where Does “Abuse” come from?** -
Co-hosted with Social Welfare Committee of Nagasaki Diocese
Number of Participants: c.300

- Two-day Seminar in Sapporo Diocese (Sapporo Cathedral) in Nov. '07
Subject: **Violence in Society**
Day One: **Violence in Family - What is “healthy family”?** -
Day Two: **To respect the individual personality of every person**
Co-hosted with Sapporo Diocesan Caritas
Number of Participants: c.100

- Workshop in Nagoya Diocese (Nanzan Church) in Nov. '07
Subject: **Communication stands on an equal footing**
Co-hosted with Social Welfare Committee of Nagoya Diocese
Number of Participants : c.50

- Ecumenical Social Welfare Promotion
 - 5th General Assembly in Nagoya in Mar. '08
Subject: **Our society from the standpoint of the Abyss**
-Am I your real “neighbor”?-
Held at Nagoya Korean Christian Church
Members of Ecumenical Social Welfare Committee:
The Anglican-Episcopal Church of Japan, Japan Baptist Union, United Church of Christ in Japan, Japan Lutheran Church, The Salvation Army and Caritas Japan.



HIV/AIDS Activities

Educational Activities for HIV/AIDS:

- Logo for HIV/AIDS Desk designed
Our logo forms the cross with a red ribbon as shown at right.

- Eco-bags (Reusable cotton bag) with logo
Tote bags with our logo were produced to increase HIV/AIDS awareness while protecting the environment.

- 2006 Message and Posters of Caritas Japan focused on youth at World AIDS Day

- Lecture at Bishops Meeting
Subject: **HIV/AIDS in JAPAN -Its seriousness and severity-**

- AIDS Forum in Yokohama
Panel Discussion: **Religion and AIDS**

- Working session at Catholic Justice and Peace 2007 in Hiroshima
Subject: **What has come into view from the expansion of HIV infection**



Our Funds

Caritas Japan depends solely on donations from individual donors in Japan and does not receive any public funds or government subsidies. These donations are made either by direct contribution from individual donors or through special collections organized by dioceses, parishes and other institutions.

CARITAS JAPAN Annual Income: Year 2007

Amount of Total Donation for the year 2007	¥247,212,799
Sources of Funds:	
Total Lenten Collection for the year 2007	¥68,903,155
Domestic Assistance	¥3,771,522
Overseas Assistance	¥66,580,667
Emergency Disaster Relief	¥101,658,585
Other Intensions	¥6,298,870



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