Summary of the Second Meeting of the Committee to Review Support for Ukraine Based on the Philosophy of Creative Reconstruction

1. Date and time: Thursday, August 10, 2023 9:20 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

2. Venue: Conference Room, 5F Hyogo Prefectural Government Building No. 2

3. Participants: Saito Motohiko (Governor of Hyogo Prefecture)

Chairperson: Okabe Yoshihiko (Professor, Kobe Gakuin Univ.)

Committee member: Kato Hiroshi (Director, Hyogo Institute for Traumatic Stress)

Kawata Yasuhiko (Specially Appointed Assistant Professor, Univ. of Hyogo)

Koshiyama Kenji (Professor, Kansai Univ.)

Suwa Seiji (Guest Professor, Univ, of Hyogo)

Hanamura Kateryna (Assistant Professor, Kansai Univ. of Nursing and Health Sciences)

Kimura Izuru (Director General, JICA Kansai)

Hayagane Takashi (Chairman, Hyogo International Association)

Kawata Yoshiaki (Executive Director, Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution)

Guest speaker: Prof. Kanbara Sakiko (Professor, Kobe City College of Nursing)

Observer: Chin Takaaki (Director, Hyogo Rehabilitation Center)

Nadiya Goral (Guest Professor, Kobe Gakuin Univ.)

4. Lecture 1: Creative Reconstruction [Kawata Yoshiaki, committee member]

- The "before" in the phrase "Build back better than before" refers to the period from the time of a disaster to the present, not a specific point in time.
 Modifications should be made in response to changes of circumstances over time, etc.
- The root of the SDGs is to eradicate poverty by eliminating disasters. To achieve the "Development" represented in the SDGs, scientific development as a civilization must be combined with cultural development.
- In Ukraine as well, the improvement of national strength through culture will contribute greatly to their future reconstruction.



5. Lecture 2: Nursing in Disasters

[Prof. Kanbara]

- It is difficult for nurses dispatched from outside the affected area to provide support on their own. Local nursing professionals should go out into the community and share their lives with the residents to facilitate the reconstruction of the community after a disaster (create with the community).
- Spiritual care (mental health care), in addition to physical care, is important.
- People's needs while in refuge change from moment to moment. Since there are people with various needs, such as the elderly and people with disabilities, it is important to analyze their needs in detail and match them with available solutions.



6. Address by the Governor

- Hyogo Prefecture and Ivano-Frankivsk Regional State made an MOU on reconstruction assistance on August 9. A discussion with the Regional State Head Onyshchuk made us realize that the needs for mental health care and rehabilitation for displaced children and soldiers who have returned are greatly increasing.
- There is a shortage of facilities but particularly a shortage of human resources on site.
 Medium- to long-term efforts are required, and by utilizing the knowledge of Hyogo Prefecture, we would like to cooperate in the development of professional human resources.



7. Proceedings

- (1) Situation of support for Ukraine by Hyogo Prefecture from the first Committee Meeting (Apr. 21) to the present
 - Secretariat explained based on the material
- (2) Establishment of a prosthetics/orthotics and rehabilitation preparation committee
 - Secretariat and Observer Chin explained based on the material
- (3) Discussion on future proceedings, etc. toward producing the proposal draft
 - As shown on the next page





[Opinions from committee members and guest speakers]

Item	Opinions, etc.
Support framework, utilization of JICA schemes	 Long-term follow-up is important for HR development support, both in terms of planning and budgeting. It is desirable to obtain support and full backing of the national government by approaching MOFA, etc. JICA considers HR development as an essential area, but the priority on the Ukrainian side should take precedence. In regard to long-term HR development, studying abroad in Japan at a graduate school to earn a master's/doctoral degree is an effective method. Support for HR development and knowledge sharing in fields including debris disposal, water supply, and ICT is underway, utilizing existing JICA programs.
Establishment of a prosthetics/ orthotics and rehabilitation preparation committee	 In the case of Ukraine, training local professionals is more effective than bringing patients to Japan for treatment. Careful preparation is necessary, including development of a meticulous training plan and consideration of support measures for balancing training and hospital operations. In Japan, the project can be carried out only in National Rehabilitation Center for Persons with Disabilities and Hyogo Rehabilitation Center. This is a great opportunity to present Hyogo's excellence both at home and abroad. Supplies for rehabilitation are necessary. Collecting and providing used prosthetics and orthotics would be a unique way for Hyogo Prefecture to support. A system for project evaluation and verification is required. It is necessary to bring in a third party to evaluate the project.
Establishment of a mental health care preparation committee	 The difference between disasters and war must be carefully considered. Involved in supporting A-bomb survivors, I felt that they have trauma, hostility, anger, and other feelings that are different from those of the victims of natural disasters. We may need to rely on the West for veterans' mental health issues. In preparing for the project, we need to properly understand the local needs and take time until the kickoff to think carefully about whether the project can be sustainable.
Matching with local needs	 HR development is just a means to an end. It is important that the trained human resources can actually play an active role in the local community. Training core personnel, who in turn train the next generation of people on site, will lead to continuous HR development. Some issues can only be discovered on site. It is important to continue to stand by and follow up with support recipients, even online, and to verify the project at the same time.
Information sharing and inheritance	 It is important to let the world know about the efforts of a local government. We should share them with people in Japan and the world by displaying them at Expo 2025. Efforts to communicate the reconstruction status are also important. It is necessary not only for the parties concerned to tell their stories, but also to make efforts to pass the stories on to the next generation.