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YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association) is an international NGO where, upon a Christian foundation, women from around the world exceed the barriers of language and cultures and work together to encourage women's participation in society and to realize a peaceful world where human rights, health and environment is protected. The movement began in Great Britain in 1855, and nowadays, it works in more than 100 countries throughout the world.

The YWCA of Japan works with 24 local YWCAs and 37 junior and senior high-school YWCAs, in order to empower women, children and older people, who are put in vulnerable situations, as well as to train and nurture leaders stipulated in our vision.

Mission of the YWCA of Japan

- Learn from Jesus Christ and realize a world where all can live together.
- Work together with people around the world to address issues of human rights, peace, and environment.

Vision of the YWCA of Japan

The YWCA of Japan, through the active work of women in local communities, strives to realize a society where:

- The peace Constitution of Japan is fully embodied, free from nuclear energy/ weapons and violence
- The dignity of women and children are protected
- Young women's leadership is fully exercised
- People of different generation, cultures and backgrounds are respected and valued.



✧	Local Associations.....	24
✧	Members.....	1,982
✧	Associate Members.....	104
✧	YWCA Supporters.....	735
✧	Jr./Sr. High School YWCAs.....	37
✧	Members.....	1,632
✧	Program Beneficiaries.....	23,299

► Leadership Development for Young Women

World YWCA Council

17th-22nd November 2019

@ Johannesburg, South Africa

Young Women Transforming Power Structures

In November 2019, the World YWCA Council was held in Johannesburg, South Africa, where 500 participants from 80 countries gathered. From YWCA of Japan, 13 members including eight youth members under the age of 30 participated in this council and brought a lot of precious experiences and renewed views back to Japan.



Participants from around the world gathered in South Africa

The World YWCA Council is held once every four years for the purpose of the YWCA movements around the world gathering and reviewing the YWCA activities in the past four years. This is the highest decision-making body to decide the course of action including activity plans, budget, adoption of resolutions and constitutional amendment. And through lectures, discussions and workshops at this council, all of the members were able to share the information about the social issues that women in the world have faced. In addition, through every morning worship, receptions or regional meetings, all of the participants strengthened mutual bonds by praying, dining and socializing together.



The Council this year, with its theme “Young Women Transforming Power Structures for Gender Equality”, has seen the youth participants perform outstandingly as presenters or panelists while providing space for all the participants to think about working together beyond generations.

During the Council, eight young women from YWCA of Japan planned and carried out a side meeting titled “How young women can lead the YWCA movement”, where they confidently presented their experiences and ideas in front of other countries’ YWCA members. Finally, they created a wing-shaped motif made of feathers on which each participant wrote in their own words.

Voices of Participants

In the World Council, I met many YWCA sisters working with passion and love. I want to spread that power and passion in my YWCA. Also, I saw many young women taking the lead. I hope to work so that YWCA becomes a Safe Space where every youth can thrive.

I feel that, as we engage with the YWCA, we shift from learning about its work to sharing it with others. International experience makes me recognize again that YWCA is not only a Safe Space but also an organization for developing young women’s leadership.

We were able to attend the World Council as representatives, thanks to many people who supported us. I hope to share what I bring home with others back in Japan, build stronger relationship between local YWCAs, and take initiative in making activity plans to expand spaces for young women.

Leadership Training for Young Women

Junior and Senior High School YWCAs National Conference

8th-10th August 2019

@Hiroshima Jogakuin Junior and Senior High School

Theme: Power of Life, Connecting Globally - Pilgrimage to Hiroshima

Holding “Peace” in Our Hearts

The Junior and Senior High School YWCA National Conference took place in Hiroshima, with the participation of 189 students from 23 YWCA affiliated junior and senior high schools as well as young participants from the National Council of YWCAs of China and the National YWCA of Korea. Together they listened to the testimony of an atomic bomb survivor, learned about the past and present of the Hiroshima City and Kure City through field trips, and shared their feelings and thoughts for a peaceful future with each other.



Voices of Participants

I believe that there are many people around the world with different points of view from mine, each with different feelings and opinions. The experience at the conference made me feel that it is important to respect different opinions and work towards a shared conclusion, rather than forcing own your opinion on others. Although it might not be easy to realize peace around the world, I hope to continue doing what I can for the purpose.

I learned the fact that many people are still suffering from one single bomb that was dropped long before I was born, and realized that the scar inflicted by the Atomic Bomb will never heal with time. I believe that we, as the future generation, should recognize this reality and think for ourselves what our roles are and take action. I wish to keep the words of an atomic bomb survivor in mind, “It is important for each of us to act with our own firm understanding of ‘peace’ in our hearts”, think deeply about what “peace” means to me, and become a person who acts with a firm core value. (Third year high school student)

National Youth Gathering

12th-13th October 2019 @Nagasaki

Supporting young women’s ambitions

“National Youth Gathering” is a program for young people associated with YWCA all over Japan to get together, discuss and learn from each other, and formulate projects that reflect their “ambitions”. The program aims to equip young participants with leadership skills that would enable them to work proactively in their own areas.

22 participants from diverse locations and generations gathered in Nagasaki, the youngest being 13 years old and some coming from as far as Sendai and Fukushima. On the first day, the participants visited Sotome, Nagasaki City, and learned about the history of religious persecution and “hidden Christian” communities in this area surrounded by a beautiful seascape. On the next day, the young participants carried out a session to discuss “What can be done” and “What I want to do” at the YWCA.

Three local YWCAs – in Nagasaki, Kumamoto and Fukuoka – mainly planned and conducted the program. The two-day program was realized after a two-year preparation.



Voices of Participants

I was delighted to see fellow participants at the Youth Gathering—those I regularly meet, those I reunited with after 1 year, and new friends. Face-to-face experiences like sharing good food, chatting and laughing together was especially a precious time for the participants who are usually distant from each other.

We succeeded in realizing our musical workshop, our “ambition” that we cultivated during last year’s Youth Gathering. I hope new ambitions from this year’s Youth Gathering will also come true, as I continue my engagement with the YWCA.

Leadership Training for Young Women

Korea-Japan Youth Conference

Friday, 17th to Monday, 20th January, 2020 @ Seoul, Korea

Theme: Misogyny and #MeToo Movement in Korea and Japan- Towards solidarity of Women in East Asia

Feminist Action Toward a World without Sexual Violence!

Korea-Japan Youth Conference is a grassroots peace exchange program, where young participants spend time together to learn and talk about common issues shared between the two countries. The program in 2019 was themed “Misogyny and #MeToo Movement in Korea and Japan”, with 21 participants from Japan and 19 participants from Korea. The field visits included the War and Women’s Human Rights Museum, commemorating the Japanese military “Comfort Women” issue, which is recognized to be a basis of the #MeToo Movement in Korea. The participants were deeply distressed as they learned about the sexual abuse experienced by the former “comfort women”, as well as being inspired by their courage to stand up and speak out. Later in the program, the participants adopted an online action plan, where they would call for abolition of sexual violence and gender-based discrimination, wearing T-shirts with messages such as “#Metoo” and “#Withyou”. * This program was sponsored by Ohdake Foundation.

Voices of Participants

After participating in this program, I understood that the “Comfort Women” issue was not only sexual but also structural violence. This understanding finally gave me a sense of what this issue means to me.

I think tackling misogyny and being a feminist do not only mean struggling against notions that look down upon women, but also against societal power structures. As I, being as small as I am, raise my voice against powerful structures in Japan, the former “Comfort Women” survivors are also raising their voices from Korea against the Japanese Government. We share the same structure, and I deeply empathized with and was encouraged by their firm attitude.

This event made me feel that we, as a generation that has never experienced the war, have the possibility to realize peace in an unprecedented way. Besides passing on the lessons of the tragedies of war and the reality of “Comfort Women” issue, I believe we can have dialogue in our own way about these deeply embedded issues.



At the War and Women's Human Rights Museum



Young participants from Japan and Korea



Yeogi Gender Equality Library

Activities Related to Beijing+25

2020 marks the 25th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women (known as Beijing Conference) and the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in 1995. During the reporting period, UN Women has established the “Beijing+25 Youth Task Force” comprised of 30 youths from all over the world to ensure that the youth generation will join in the process to follow up the implementation status of this action plan. Satoko Yamaguchi, a staff member of YWCA of Japan, has been selected as one of the task force members.

In February 2020, YWCA of Japan worked with Asia-Japan Women's Resource Center Youth Group to conduct a Beijing+25 Youth Questionnaire in order to reflect young women’s diverse voices from Japan in domestic and international advocacy. The survey put together responses from 57 young women, into a document titled “Beijing+25 Japanese Youth Review” in Japanese and English language.

Work in Support of Disaster Survivors

The Great East Japan Earthquake Survivor Support - for a long-term support -

After the Great East Japan Earthquake and resulting nuclear power plant accident in 2011, YWCA of Japan has launched the “com 7300” Committee, with the pledge of continuously working beside the affected people until the children born on the day of the disaster turn 20 years old. “Com” means “together” in Latin, and “7300” is the number of days in 20 years. Nine years after the TEPCO Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant accident, the situation of the damaged nuclear power plant is far from stabilized, and the difficulties from the radioactive disaster are still looming on each person’s life. YWCA of Japan is continuing support activities for the survivors upon three pillars: “Refresh” short-stay recuperation program, “Second House” program and activities planned by the YWCA Activity Space “Caro Fukushima.” We are committed to continue to work with the “small voices” of the survivors.

“Refresh” Programs (Recuperation Camps) @ Tokyo/Shizuoka/Nagoya



At Iwayado Park, Nagoya YWCA



“Wakuwaku Camp” by Kumamoto YWCA

Relaxed! Excited! Refreshed!

The “Refresh” recuperation programs are designed to enable parents and children living in radiation-affected areas to refresh their bodies and minds in safe and supportive environments. Local YWCAs throughout Japan carry out unique programs utilizing their regional originalities in line with children’s spring and summer holiday seasons.

Based on a survey conducted last year, Tokyo YWCA invited children from a foster home, to which the YWCA had not been able to reach to that point, to Nojiri camp site. Also, it continued to hold camp programs for children with severe disabilities and their families.

Both Shizuoka YWCA and Nagoya YWCA provided programs that enabled children to enjoy nature. The multiple-day programs included activities such as by playing at beaches and in rivers, cooking outdoors at camp sites and orienteering, enabling children to laugh, play and exercise outdoors in nature to their hearts’ content.

At some YWCAs, those who have participated as children have become junior-high school students, and are now volunteering as leaders. We will continue to provide programs that would meet a variety of needs.

In fiscal 2019, recuperation programs were held in three local YWCAs, supporting 82 children and adults living in radiation-affected areas.

*Three regions canceled or postponed programs that were planned in March 2020, due to the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).

Work in Support of Disaster Survivors

Second House Program

A relaxing “Another home” with family

“Second House” is a recuperation program for families, groups, and single women, living in Fukushima Prefecture or in areas which were exposed to high doses of radiation, which aims to provide the beneficiaries with a relaxing time as comfortable as at being at home.

The participants of this program are families with infants or preschool children, single-parent families, families that cannot find recuperation programs suitable for siblings with large age gap, or those who need space from their daily lives to relieve themselves both physically and mentally. Many beneficiaries are “repeaters”, indicating the needs for the program as a “Second Home” for those families. Since 2019, applications are accepted three times a year to give applicants more flexibility in planning their stay during long holidays, such as summer vacation.

Nagoya Second House, which has accepted many participants for the past years, closed in January 2020; the owner received many messages of thanks from former beneficiaries. The houses for this program are provided free of charge by the owners who concur with the objectives of our activities. The Second House Program is managed through generous cooperation and donations from many people, including local YWCAs and neighboring volunteers who help the operation.

Total number of users in fiscal 2019:

28 families (84 people)

Comments from Users

This is the first time for my family to participate in the Second House Program. In Fukushima, we seldom go out by foot, but I was able to spend a great time walking and chatting with my son. I was also very happy that the owner and my family could keep a comfortable distance from each other so we could be at ease without bothering each other.

I came home “healed” by the owner’s exceptional kindness and warmth. I am deeply grateful to the owner who was empathetic to and tried hard to understand the current situation in Fukushima. My family enjoyed a “normal” life for several days at a place like home, which was not

YWCA Activity Space “Caro Fukushima”



Parent-children workshop for summer holidays at Caro Fukushima

Total number of users in fiscal 2019:

537 people



Participants’ works from the workshop

Work in Support of Disaster Survivors

A supportive hub for women and children

“Caro” means “Dear” or “Precious” in Italian, and was established in November 2012 in Fukushima City as a hub for YWCA operations to support the survivors of the Great East Japan Earthquake. Caro Fukushima performs a variety of activities aimed at supporting women and children living in Fukushima, relieving their anxieties and stress of life after the great earthquake and the high dose of radiation, and serving as a Safe Space for talking, gathering, and learning without any worries.

The programs at Caro Fukushima, which are managed by com7300 Committee, provide a wide range of activities such as seminars to support physical and mental safety and relief, workshops to enrich life and to make people feel refreshed, and so on. Caro Fukushima also helps local citizens’ activities by providing space for them.

In addition, Caro Fukushima works in cooperation with organizations engaged in recuperation programs throughout Japan, to provide people around Fukushima City with information on recuperation and offer space for consultation meetings. Furthermore, Caro Fukushima functions as a contact office for the NPO Shinjuku Yoyogi Citizen Monitoring Center, where testing of radioactive cesium in urine is available free of charge.

- Talking Session at Caro Fukushima (5 sessions)
- Fukushima Y’s Café -Workshops by Fukushima YWCA (2 sessions)
- Consultation sessions for recuperation programs in Iwaki City, Nihonmatsu City, and Shirakawa City
- Other activities including pastel shine art classes, nail-care classes, provision of venues to other organizations, etc.

Typhoon No.19(Hagibis) Disaster Response in Fukushima Prefecture

In October 2019, Fukushima Prefecture suffered damages due to heavy rains from Typhoon No. 19. YWCA of Japan, in collaboration with Fukushima YWCA, carried out disaster support activities using the YWCA Activity Space “Caro Fukushima” as the hub. Utilizing the connections and experiences built through relief activities for the survivors of the Great East Japan Earthquake, we were able to offer support in cooperation with many actors.

The relief supplies included towels from Kobe YWCA, children's items such as school bags and stationery from the Fukushima Children's Recuperation Project @ Nerima, and household items such as towels and detergents from P&G with the help of the Peace Boat Disaster Relief Center.

Members of Fukushima YWCA worked hard in sorting and distributing those relief supplies, which were delivered to nursery schools and care homes in Yanagawa Town of Date City, the Disaster Management Headquarters set up in Date City Hall, evacuation centers in Iwaki City, and the participants of our Refresh Program and Second House Program who were affected. Drinking water and sanitary items were also delivered to Shinchi Town Hall, which was used as a temporary evacuation center at the time.



Picture Above :Yanagawa Town, Date City after the flood (October, 2019), Below: Sorting and distributing emergency relief items

Hokkaido Eastern Iburi Earthquake Response

On September 6, 2018, the eastern part of Iburi area in Hokkaido was struck by an earthquake that measured up to 7.0 on the Japanese seismic scale. By setting up Sapporo YWCA as the hub, Hakodate YWCA, YWCA of Japan, local churches, and others worked together to carry out disaster response activities. The supports that were provided included donations and the implementation of Refresh Program to the seriously liquefied Satotsuka area of Kiyota-ku in Sapporo City (hereafter “Satotsuka area”), and the cooperation activities for Tanpopo, a local center in Mukawa Town for children with developmental disorders (hereafter “Tanpopo”), as requested by the Joint Committee for Coordinating and Supporting Voluntary Disaster Relief Activities of the Central Community Chest of Japan.

In fiscal 2019, Sapporo YWCA and local churches worked together to continue support with the cooperation of the Hokkai Parish of the United Church of Christ in Japan. Due to the organizational restructuring, the activities have been taken over by the “Christian Support Liaison Group for Eastern Iburi Earthquake” since October 2019 to provide continuous support. Recuperation programs were conducted three times from July through September 2019, taking the children of Tanpopo and Hobetsu Kirari (another support center for children with developmental disorders), their siblings and parents on a one-day trip to the Northern Horse Park. They spent time freely, petting horses and running around in the farm.

The Refresh Program conducted in Satotsuka area ended in September 2019, but even after October, we are responding to the needs of the residents by continuing the exercise and knitting classes at their requests, and holding tea parties with the support of the Hokkai Parish of the United Church of Christ in Japan. The tea parties, which are popular among the residents, are planned to be held in 2020 with Sapporo YWCA, the Hokkai Parish of the United Church of Christ in Japan, and the Hokkaido Baptist Association sharing responsibilities as hosts.

International Emergency Response

In coordination with sister YWCAs abroad, YWCA of Japan provides emergency relief activities at the outset of disasters by calling for donations and supporting the local YWCAs of the affected areas.

- In response to the cyclone, Idai, that struck Southeast Africa in March 2019, YWCA of Japan supported “Rebuilding Her Kitchen” campaign of YWCA Zimbabwe and the emergency relief activities for women of YWCA Malawi.
- YWCA of Japan assisted in the “Healing of Memories” program that provides psychological support for families of the victims of the church shooting that occurred in Colombo, Sri Lanka in April 2019.
- At the outset of the Taal Volcano eruption in the Philippines in January 2020, YWCA of Japan backed up relief activities carried out by YWCA of the Philippines for the affected areas.



Healing the Memories” Program in Sri Lanka



Relief activities for disaster survivors by YWCA of the Philippines

► International Cooperation and Advocacy

Support for the YWCA of Palestine/ Olive Tree Campaign

Planting trees of hope in Palestine

Due to the long military occupation by Israel, Palestinians’ lives have been threatened. JAI (Joint Advocacy Initiative- a joint project conducted by the YWCA of Palestine and the East Jerusalem YMCA) is working on job creation, environment preservation, stabilization of livelihood, and dissemination of information about current situation in Palestine through nonviolent act of planting olive trees. Olive trees are deeply rooted in the lives of Palestinian people. People from all over the world can join the olive tree planting by donation. By donating 3000yen, you can plant one olive tree. YWCA of Japan is supporting this “Olive Tree Campaign,” and made donation for 185 olive trees in fiscal 2019.

YWCA of Japan is also supporting the leadership trainings for conflict solution, the vocational trainings for the independence of woman, and the operation of children’s day-care centers by the YWCA of Palestine.



Israeli settlements seen from an olive

tree

Asia YWCA Regional Meeting

26th-30th June 2019 @Seoul, South Korea

Thinking of women economic empowerment

“Asia YWCA Regional Meeting” was held at Ewha Womans University, Seoul in June 2019. A total of 91 participants from YWCAs in 12 countries introduced their activities with focus on this meeting’s theme of “Women Economic Empowerment in Asia” and discussed the various possibilities for cross-border cooperation. They visited Human Resource Development Center for Women of the YWCA of Korea, Seoul, saw the project at Ewha



Womans University, which promotes new businesses by students, and received a lecture about the activities of KOICA (Korea International Cooperation Agency) and the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family in Seoul. On the last day, they visited the Korean Demilitarized Zone and thought about the history that led to the North-South Division and about the great possibilities when there comes peace in the Korean Peninsula.

Statements/Approbation /Support

- Approbation to the group supporting “the trial for not allowing intervention in the Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research by the Diet members and feminism bashing” (10th June)
- Approbation to the statement by volunteers - “Is South Korea an enemy?” (5th August)
- Letter of request for the recommencement of exhibition of “Statue of a Girl of Peace” at Aichi Triennale 2019. (6th August)
- Letter of protest against – “We admit and apologize for the mistakes in the past history, and ask for Japan-South Korea diplomacy through dialogue.” (6th August)
- Approbation to the joint statement by Japanese and Korean churches in Japan- “We will face the historical responsibilities of Japan and continue constructive dialogues with Christians and civic communities in South Korea.” (15th August)
- Approbation to study session by Youth Group of the Asia-Japan Women’s Resource Center -To know about “Beijing+25” (12th September)
- Letter of protest against the ascension to the throne and the series of ceremonies of Daijyosai (30th September)
- Approbation to “Feminist statement asking for applying the free-of-charge system to all preschool education and nurseries” by Femizemi- An independent feminism seminar aiming to bridge Gender and Diversity (11th November)
- Letter of protest against dispatching the Self-Defense Forces to the Middle East (12th January 2020)
- Approbation to 3.8 International Women’s Day and Women’s March Tokyo (12th January 2020)
- Approbation to the emergency statement “We ask the Government of Japan and the city government to take immediate countermeasures against the ‘New Year’s card declaring the massacre of Korean people living in Japan’” (23rd January 2020)

- Statement about the “Middle East Peace Plan” by the United States (5th February 2020)
- Letter of protest against the revision of Act on Special Measures for Pandemic Influenza and New Infectious Diseases Preparedness and Response, in the name of undertaking countermeasures against COVID-19 (13th March 2020)
- Letter of protest against discriminatory measures against the People’s Republic of China and the Republic of Korea (13th March 2020)

► Local Action (Activities lead by local YWCAs)

24 local YWCAs are the bases of social contribution activities by YWCAs in Japan. In the “Local Action” program, which started in 2017, the local YWCAs lead social contribution activities in cooperation with other local YWCAs and other organizations, while YWCA of Japan supports these activities through funding and PR.

YWCA Protectors of Peace

★Sapporo YWCA, Hakodate YWCA, Kushiro YWCA

In order to encourage junior and senior high school students and the youth to participate in the activities of “YWCA Protectors of Peace” that has created local peace maps, these YWCAs digitalized the Hakodate Peace Map, held 10 sessions of Constitution Café, and conducted a study meeting prior to the lecture of Mr. Arthur Binard planned in 2020. A total of 282 people participated in these activities.



Fieldwork Activity of YWCA Protectors of Peace

“Are You Happy with Nuclear Power Plants?”

~ Watch, Communicate, and Create Our Future ~

★Fukushima YWCA, Niigata YWCA, Shizuoka YWCA, Sendai YWCA

A two-day tour was organized in June to experience Fukushima after eight years from the nuclear accident. 30 participants from all over Japan realized anew how merciless the accident had been and how much the residents have been suffering. The screening of a movie “Renewable Japan” was organized in Niigata in October along with the exhibition of paintings that are themed on the atomic bombs. With the cooperation of university students, the organizer and the participants could have an opportunity to think about new sources of energy.

Learn, Feel, and Think in the Metropolitan Area!

~The Present Situation of Okinawa and Fukushima ~

★Yokohama YWCA, Shonan YWCA, Hiratsuka YWCA

A photo exhibition and a concert were held to provide an opportunity to think of US military bases and nuclear power plants as nation-wide and our own issues, and to initiate actions. The exhibition of photos by Mr. Toyoda Naomi, “Cries and Whispers; Eight Years of Records and Memories of Fukushima Refugees,” and his lecture were organized in July. There were 45 participants in the lecture. “A Concert to Pass Our Hope ~ We will not forget the children in Fukushima even after eight years since the accident ~” took place in October with about 300 participants.

Leadership Training Course for Women

“An Introductory Seminar to Politics for Beginners”

★Yokohama YWCA, Shizuoka YWCA, Shonan YWCA

Study meetings were organized to strengthen women’s commitment in politics for the realization of a just society. In-depth discussion took place in “Talk about Politics and the Future@Patagonia Yokohama” in October 2019 with nine participants, and in “A meeting to talk freely about a topic, ‘What is the Emperor by the way?’” in February 2020 with seven participants.

The Second Initiative to Juice Up the Members

★Kyoto YWCA, Osaka YWCA, Kobe YWCA, Nagoya YWCA

Two meetings were organized to juice up the members of the steering committees, who play pivotal roles in the activities, aiming at “planning a training course to strengthen the understanding of the institution” and “the YWCA’s vision and plan to support young women.” There were 42 participants in November 2019 and 39 in January 2020. The participants were able to empower each other for the next steps while sharing challenges in each region.

How Should We Live? What Is Peace?

★Kure YWCA, Hiroshima YWCA

Two movies, “A Bold Peace” and “Sonita,” were shown in fiscal 2019 to provide opportunities to think about peace. There were 114 participants in total. The movies served as a preface for many people to know about the activities of the YWCAs and the number of Constitution Group members increased.



At the screening

Natural Energy Is Infinite and Safe!

★Matsuyama YWCA, Hiroshima YWCA, Kure YWCA

A study tour to Yusuhara Town in Takaoka-gun, Kochi Prefecture was organized by Matsuyama, Kure, and Hiroshima YWCAs in June. 44 people participated, including junior and senior high school students. They were greatly inspired by learning about the town development based on recycle and symbiosis by utilizing local resources, such as solar power generation, geothermal power generation, small scale hydraulic power generation, and small scale wind power generation, which are all collaborative works between the local government and the residents, as well as building facilities using local woods.



Study tour to Yusuhara “Town Above Clouds”

► Donations Received (JPY)

Thank you for your support for fiscal 2019!

“Peacemakers” Donation	2,034,564-
Disaster Relief Donations	1,316,047-
Great East Japan Earthquake Survivor Support (Including 571,550 JPY from Caro Fukushima Supporters)	2,971,972-
Olive Tree Campaign	574,000-
YWCA of Japan Supporters Fee	1,388,000-
Local YWCA Aid	410,000-
Donation for World YWCA Council Participation	232,025-
Donation for Development of Next Generation	24,532-
Total	11,219,817-

Thank you so much for your generous donation during the fiscal year 2019. YWCA of Japan is resolved to continue to support women’s proactive initiatives towards a peaceful society where everyone is respected. We ask from our hearts for your continued support.

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