

Profile of Japan NGO Network on Ageing

On October 1, 1998, about 50 Japanese organizations relating to the issues on older persons organized Japan NPO Network for International Year of Older Persons (now, Japan NGO Network on Ageing), at the time of the beginning of IYOP. The organization promoted the nationwide activities of IYOP, such as diffusion and realization of “United Nations’ Principles of Older Persons”, on the basis of peace, welfare and human rights, in relation with the Japanese government and municipalities. We sent delegates to the Hong Kong conference (April 1999), and to the 4th Meeting of IFA in Montreal (September 1999), thus promoting actively the exchange with NGOs of the world. Also we organized Global Walk Events for Active Ageing proposed by the WHO in more than 100 cities and towns in Japan last autumn.

Now we intend to keep on organizing activities such as ① elaboration of long-term strategies on ageing, ② interchange and cooperation with Asian NGOs on ageing, ③ realization of “United Nations’ Principles of Older Persons”.