

2017 BUSINESS REPORT

From 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

Certified Non-Profit Organization Human Rights Now

1. Contents of project implementation

In fiscal year 2017, we conducted the following activities: surveys in Burma (Myanmar), Thailand, and Cambodia; surveys of human rights situations in Asia including China and advocacy (including issues such as human rights defenders and freedom of expression, issues relating to corporate social responsibility and human rights, human rights of women and children). We conducted research and advocacy activities on human rights in conflict areas such as Iraq, Palestine, and Syria. Advocacy in New York focused on human rights in humanitarian disarmament and conflict. In Geneva we developed advocacy activities focusing on the human rights situation in Asia. We also conducted research and advocacy on business and human rights issues in supply chains for Thailand, Cambodia, and Burma (Myanmar). In Burma (Myanmar), we had interactions and human rights education activities with human rights activists and the civil society promoting rights that will empower the next generation.

In Japan, we had activities on hate speech, freedom of expression, rights of children, violence against women and girls, sexual exploitation (forced adult video appearances, child pornography), etc. We addressed domestic human rights issues from the perspective of international human rights standards. We called for national implementation of recommendations by the UN Human Rights Council and treaty bodies. In addition, we continued to conduct field surveys, monitoring, legal counseling, and policy recommendations regarding human rights impacts from the Great East Japan Earthquake and nuclear accident. In order to nurture the next generation in Japan, we emphasized human rights education in business, dispatched instructors, conducted seminars, created teaching materials, and disseminated information on human rights issues in Japan and overseas through events, websites, through SNS, etc.

2. Matters concerning business implementation

(1) Business related to non-profit activities

Type of Business	Content of Business	Time Period	Location	Number of Workers	Scope and number of beneficiaries	Business Expected Cost (1000 yen)
International Support Business	<p>< Investigations of human rights violation / publication project ></p> <p>The project addressed civil rights violations in Cambodia, Thailand and China, fact-finding, and statements / reports on human rights situations in conflicts in Myanmar, etc.</p> <p>We also made recommendations and conducted lobbying activities at the government / UN Human Rights Council,</p>		<p>Fieldwork especially in Japan, Myanmar, Cambodia Thailand, China, etc.</p> <p>New York Geneva</p>	50	General concerned citizens of Myanmar, China, Cambodia, Thailand, etc.	409

	<p>UN General Assembly, Security Council etc.</p> <p>With regard to human rights issues related to business, we conducted a factual investigation and promoted dialogue with companies based on the investigation.</p>					
International Support Business	<p><Women's Human Rights Project></p> <p>Based on a survey of the damage caused by forced appearances in adult videos in Japan, we made policy proposals and conducted advocacy and awareness-raising activities to prevent damage. In response to the revision of the criminal law, we started to make policy proposals to eliminate the damage of sexual violence, and we carried out #MeToo-related activities in Japan. We also continued to investigate the issue of discriminatory punishment against women.</p>	All year	Japan, New York, Geneva	20	Women in general, especially in Japan, the Middle East, and conflict areas, etc.	1,286
International Support Business	<p><Child Human Rights Project></p> <p>We conducted a survey on child labor in the Asia region and made policy recommendations. We continued to monitor the human rights of children in conflict areas such as Iraq and Palestine, promoted advocacy through the United Nations, and promoted the implementation of SDG goal 16.2 We also addressed the issue of children's health rights following the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant accident, and we continued activities to eradicate the damage of child pornography.</p>	All year	Asia region, such as Burma, and Japan, etc.	20	Children from all over Asia such as especially Burma, Iraq, Palestine and Japan, etc.	3,026

International Support Business	<p><Overseas Human Rights Education Project></p> <p>In Myanmar, in cooperation with bar associations, etc., we conducted human rights and environmental education for lawyers, youth, and civil society, and we deepened networking with local groups and related parties.</p>	All Year	Japan, Burma	25	Especially Burma, citizens, lawyers, and students	5,643
<p>Research for the promotion and protection of human rights</p> <p>Research proposals</p> <p>Dissemination projects</p>	<p><Human rights policy proposal project></p> <p>We made policy recommendations and conducted advocacy to improve Japan's human rights situation in accordance with international standards and various UN recommendations, and we continued discussions, including policy recommendations, regarding mainstream human rights for foreign and aid policies in general.</p> <p>Regarding issues such as the Great East Japan Earthquake and the nuclear power plant accident, freedom of the press, hate speech, etc., we acted to implement measures in line with international human rights standards. Furthermore, we encouraged the Japanese government and companies to respect and protect human rights in line with the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and we promoted training and dialogue with the business sector.</p>	All Year	Japan	25	Citizens of Asian countries, especially Japan	1,207
Research for the promotion and protection of human rights	<UN / International Human Rights Standards Research / Advocacy Project>		Tokyo, New York, Geneva, etc.	20	Especially citizens of Japan generally	1,022

<p>Research proposals</p> <p>Dissemination projects</p>	<p>We participated in the UN Human Rights Council meetings and treaty body meetings in Geneva, as well as in discussions focusing on issues in Asia and Japan, and we provided information, policy recommendations, and advocacy activities.</p> <p>In New York, in collaboration with other organizations, we worked on activities to eliminate civilian casualties caused by the use of weapons, centering on the realization of the Nuclear Weapons Convention, and we also actively lobbied the Security Council and the UN General Assembly.</p>					
<p>Research for the promotion and protection of human rights</p> <p>Research proposals</p> <p>Dissemination projects</p>	<p><Domestic information provision project></p> <p>We provided information on human rights violations in the Asia region, Japan, and the world and policy recommendations through our website, media, newsletter, etc.</p> <p>We also held symposiums, talk events, debriefing sessions, and we carried out educational activities through publications. Through holding international human rights academies, etc., we raised awareness about human rights at various levels and we strived to promote international human rights standards and the SDGs. We promoted human rights awareness activities for the next generation through the development and creation of human rights education materials.</p>	<p>All Year</p>	<p>Tokyo, Geneva, etc.</p>	<p>50</p>	<p>Especially Japan citizens generally</p>	<p>7.450</p>

(1) Other Business

Business Type	Business Content	Time Period	Location	Number of Workers	Business Cost (1000 yen)
Book publishing sales	<p>Books edited and sold by our organization were "30 Ways to Transform the World with Human Rights", "UN Glover Recommendations", "Handbook for Civil Society Utilizing the UN Human Rights Program", the "UN Legislation Handbook on Violence Against Women", "The Realization of the Individual Reporting System is Now!", Etc.</p> <p>We also published on behalf of our Secretary General the books "Human Rights Across Borders" and "Why Fast Fashion is Cheap". We also proceeded with further consideration of the publishing business.</p>		HRN office and unspecified event venues	40	126
Goods sales	We sold goods planned and produced by this organization such as our calendar year-round, etc.		HRN Office and unspecified event venues	20	379