

2022 Business Report

Specified NPO Human Rights Now

1. Project results

In FY2022, we continued to focus on the human rights situation in the Asian region, including Burma (Myanmar), Thailand, China, Hong Kong, etc., where the human rights situation is a concern. We conducted research and advocacy activities (in areas such as the human rights of women and children, the protection of human rights activists and freedom of expression, and business and human rights), and we provided support for the restoration of democratic rule after the military coup in Myanmar. We continued to advocate for the UN General Assembly and Security Council in New York, the UN Human Rights Council and the ICCPR Committee in Geneva, and we continued to engage in global campaigns on issues such as women's rights, conflict, weapons and human rights, the ICC, and the invasion of Ukraine. In Japan, we collaborated with other organizations and lobbied the Ministry of Justice's Criminal Law Review Committee and Legislative Review Council to revise the criminal law in line with the actual situation of victims. We also carried out advocacy to seek a solution to the issue of forced AV appearances based on the lowering of the age of adulthood. Other activities included lobbying for legislation that would make human rights due diligence mandatory in business and human rights, attending international conferences, organizing events, and conducting a joint fact-finding project with a Korean NGO regarding the seafood industry. In addition, we conducted human rights policy questionnaires for each political party during national elections, worked on domestic human rights issues such as freedom of speech and expression, and the rights of refugees and foreigners, and we continued to provide legal consultation to areas affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake.

2. Matters related to business implementation

(1) Business related to specified non-profit activities (Total project cost [19,274] thousand yen below)

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| | <p><Human Rights Violation Fact Investigation and Publication Project></p> <p>We continued to conduct fact-finding, information gathering, and publication of reports on the human rights situation in Asian regions such as Myanmar, Thailand, China, and Hong Kong, where human rights conditions are a concern, as well as making recommendations and lobbying to government agencies, the United Nations, etc.</p> <p>In recent years, especially in China, where the human rights situation has deteriorated, the United Nations has issued statements calling for respect for freedom of expression, press, and assembly, protesting the repression of</p> | | | | | | |

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| | <p>peaceful protest movements, and calling for judicial independence in Hong Kong. We also released a report on rights violations in Hong Kong, and we published a report analyzing the issue of surveillance of Uyghurs from a business and human rights perspective and we held a press conference.</p> <p>We issued a statement calling for an end to the harassment of such people. We spoke at related official meetings, and we issued a statement protesting the oppression and death sentence against citizens in Myanmar, and we held an event to reflect on the year and a half since the coup there, and so on.</p> <p>From a business and human rights perspective, we conducted an investigation in cooperation with a Korean NGO regarding human rights violations against migrant workers working on Korean-flagged fishing vessels.</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>Inter- national support project</p> | <p><Women's Human Rights Project></p> <p>Continuing from the previous year, we carried out advocacy and monitoring of the movements of the Ministry of Justice, members of the Diet, and other parties in order to reform the Penal Code in line with the actual situation of victims, such as creating the crime of nonconsensual sexual intercourse and raising the age of consent for sexual intercourse.</p> <p>In addition to sending requests and proposals to the government and political parties in cooperation with other organizations, we also strengthened activities to deepen the understanding and interest of the media and citizens regarding criminal law reform through press lectures, press conferences, and online events.</p> | <p>All year</p> | <p>Japan, New York</p> | <p>35</p> | <p>Women in general in Japan, Asia, the Middle East, etc.</p> | <p>Countless</p> | <p>3,061</p> |

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| | <p>In addition, in April 2022, we continued to carry out numerous lobbying activities and held official meetings, calling for the establishment of legislation to address the issue of forced AV appearances, which was a concern due to the lowering of the age of adulthood, and the AV Appearance Harm Prevention and Relief Act was enacted.</p> <p>A survey was also conducted on digital sexual violence and a report was published on it.</p> <p>In New York, side events were also held in line with the theme of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in March.</p> | | | | | | |
| Inter-national support project | <p><Children's Human Rights Project></p> <p>In collaboration with schools, we held an event where junior high and high school students thought about issues of discrimination and coexistence. We continued to monitor violations of children's rights in countries such as Myanmar and Iraq.</p> | All year | Japan, etc. | 30 | Children in Japan, Myanmar, Iraq, etc. | Countless | 1,423 |
| Inter-national support project | <p><Overseas human rights education project></p> <p>At the end of the fiscal year, we visited local evacuees in Thailand on the Myanmar border to conduct fact-finding, gather information on local human rights education project needs and feasibility, and build networks. We held online events in Japan about the serious human rights situations in Myanmar and Ukraine, and we had guest speakers from those involved give reports, in order to make local voices heard in society.</p> | All year | Japan, Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, China, etc. | 25 | Civil society, Lawyers, students in Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, China, etc. | About 100 people directly. The ripple effects are countless. | 2,114 |

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| <p>Surveys, research proposals, and dissemination projects for the promotion and protection of human rights</p> | <p><Human Rights Policy Proposal Project></p> <p>We provided policy recommendations and advocacy to improve the human rights situation in Japan in accordance with international standards and various United Nations recommendations, and we continued to make policy recommendations to mainstream human rights in foreign aid policies. During the national election, we conducted a human rights policy questionnaire for each party and held a press conference.</p> <p>In addition to continuing to provide legal consultation in the disaster-stricken areas, we supported a joint statement clarifying issues such as arbitrary detention from the perspective of international human rights standards regarding the Immigration Control Act amendment bill, and we held press a conference.</p> <p>Regarding human rights issues related to business, following the formulation of Japanese government guidelines in September, further efforts are required for legislation to be enacted to make human rights due diligence mandatory to realize the purpose of the Guiding Principles. We lobbied and held events for members of the Diet and other parties seeking the same. We also addressed the issue of Japanese companies promoting large-scale surveillance and serious human rights violations against Uyghurs, and we released a joint report with other organizations and held a press conference. We created an investor toolkit for human rights and conducted a webinar explaining it. We attended an international conference in Thailand and advocated for legislation making human rights due diligence mandatory, and strengthened our international network. We participated in an international campaign (B4Ukraine) calling for responsible behavior from the Japanese government and companies regarding the invasion of Ukraine, and we held events. Additionally, from a fact-finding perspective, we conducted a questionnaire survey of construction</p> | <p>All year</p> | <p>Japan</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>Citizens in Japan, Asia, etc.</p> | <p>Countless</p> | <p>8,000</p> |

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| | <p>industry-related companies and held a debriefing session. In addition, in collaboration with a Korean NGO, we are conducting a fact-finding investigation into the issue of human rights violations of migrant workers on Korean-flagged fishing boats and the issue of Japanese companies importing seafood harvested by those fishing boats. We conducted advocacy activities such as providing information to the special rapporteur who visited Japan on issues involving Japanese companies, such as the development of the Y Complex in Myanmar. Last year, we held the "Business and Human Rights Academy," a one-month intensive series of courses that was well received.</p> | | | | | | |
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| <p>Surveys, research proposals, and dissemination projects for the promotion and protection of human rights</p> | <p><United Nations/International Human Rights Standards Research/Advocacy Project></p> <p>We participated in meetings of the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, participated in discussions on human rights issues in Asia and other regions, and provided information, made policy recommendations, and conducted advocacy activities. In particular, the Secretary-General participated in the review process of the Japanese government's report by the ICCPR in November, and carried out advocacy activities on the ground regarding various issues within Japan.</p> <p>In New York, in collaboration with other organizations, we promoted advocacy activities at the United Nations General Assembly, the Security Council, etc. on global issues such as humanitarian disarmament issues and responses to humanitarian crisis situations. We participated in the first Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and held a reporting event.</p> | <p>All year</p> | <p>Tokyo, New York, Geneva</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>Citizens generally in Japan</p> | <p>Countless</p> | <p>1,989</p> |
| <p>Surveys, research proposals, and dissemination projects for the promotion and protection of human rights</p> | <p><Domestic information provision project></p> <p>We provided information on the situation of human rights violations in Asia, Japan, and around the world and our organization's policy recommendations through our website, media, newsletter, etc. We also carried out awareness-raising activities through holding symposiums, talk events, debriefing sessions, and publishing. The World Human Rights Day event addressed the issue of displaced people in Ukraine. Through holding online events and other events, we worked to spread awareness about human rights at various levels and spread international human rights standards. In addition, we conducted human rights education projects and youth festivals for junior high and high school students, held a World Children's Day video speech contest and charity walk, held human rights English conversation classes with themes such as the SDGs, and promoted the spread of human rights education materials for junior high and high school students. We also held activities to spread awareness of human rights to the next generation through promotion, etc.</p> | <p>All year</p> | <p>Tokyo, Geneva</p> | <p>600</p> | <p>Japan citizens in general</p> | <p>無数</p> | <p>1,361</p> |

This year, as in the previous year, there are almost no offline events due to the coronavirus pandemic, and other businesses such as book and goods sales are not being held.