

Summary for Overseas Travel WENDI 2018-2019

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Travel period	2019 / 1 / 11 – 1 / 20
UN agencies / International organization visited	<i>The Washington Group on Disability Statistics (UN), Leonard Cheshire Disability and Inclusive Development Centre, Genomics England, Cambridge intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Research Group, Helen & Douglas House</i>
Theme of overseas travel	1. Problems concerning the care for people with disability and their caregivers 2. Current international trends of policies for people with disability 3. Future sustainable policies for people with disability
<p>Outline of the activities (4 pages including photos, figures, etc.)</p> <p>(1) Global leadership</p> <p>The life expectancy of people with disability is increasing with the progress of medicine and the development of social systems. Even in child diseases with high mortality rates, there are many cases of longevity, and it is necessary to examine the issues faced with the elderly and the way of care. This is very important in Japan, which is aging ahead of the world.</p> <p>Under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCPRD), a care model, based on social models in disability studies, is adopted for people with or without disability with their dignity. The goals of my doctoral research are to contribute an evidence-based policymaking and to explore the possibility of the social implementation and realization of the UNCPRD. The Washington Group (WG), which handles disability statistics at the UN Statistics Bureau, has developed indicators (WG indicators) for international comparison of disability policies. In the review of the rights commission under the UNCPRD, WG indicators have been recommended, and policies for people with disability in Japan are being developed in accordance with UNCPRD. The practice of international disability policies is being discussed in top medical journals such as Lancet.</p>	

We have grasped not only academic papers but also the trends of practitioners who play a role in international disability policies. The UK is a major country **that has developed international disability policies** in collaboration with people with disability and experts. Also, there is a secretariat of the WG. Hence, I interviewed key persons in international organizations and overseas organizations in the UK to explore the way of sustainable care and policy for people with disability.

(2) Scientific significance

By adding the data and knowledge obtained from this interview, I was able to complement the quantitative analysis that I had been doing so far and to produce better research results. Also, discuss the ideal way of sustainable disability policy from a global perspective made my research deeper. Moreover, Prof. Nora Groce, Prof. Tony Holland, and the staff at the Helen Douglas House agreed to collaborate with me in the future.

(3) Originality/Universality

I have been examining the Japanese field so far. Therefore, I was able to consider the possibility of international comparison by visiting the UK.

While Japan is a country where people can receive equal medical treatment and welfare, aging is advancing ahead of the world. Therefore, the UK is interested in watching Japanese trends how to deal with conflicts of interest of social security including the people with disability, the elderly people and immigration problem.

(4) Reasons and motivations for visiting UN agencies / International organizations

The Washington Group on Disability Statistics (UN)

Leonard Cheshire Disability and Inclusive Development Centre

There is the hub that is also closely related to evidence-based policy making in disability measures.

Genomics England

As the UK's leading agency responsible for leading-edge genetic disease treatment. It is a frontier for the treatment of genetic diseases.

Cambridge intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Research Group

The UK's most important hubs driven by leading people with intellectual disabilities.

Helen & Douglas House

It is the world's first children's hospice for children and their families to provide medical cure and welfare care. It is a model for "Momiji House" at the National Center for Children Health and Development in Japan where I do my research. The reasons for visiting was to know the way of sustainable care from the viewpoint of the practitioner in the field.

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< Photos with interviewees.>

