Introduction and Thinking on Peking University Health Science Center-Social Welfare Corporation AISANKAI Internship Program

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Introduction: From January, 2016 to the present, Peking University Health Science Center (PKUHSC) has jointly organized internship program four times with Social Welfare Corporation AISANKAI, Japan for the students from different majors in PKUHSC. AISANKAI is a social welfare corporation, which was established in 1999 at Tsushima-shi, Aichi-ken City. The scope of its business includes running the welfare agencies and providing the services for the children, elderly people and the disabled people.

Program Design: This ten-day internship program is designated to introduce the overall situation of social welfare services for the children, elderly people, the disabled people in Japan and to make the students acquired better understanding by immersive experience -- to do internship in social welfare agencies. On the very first day of the program, Japanese etiquettes are taught by professional teachers to make sure that students can behave properly in different agencies and to make the students get to know the idea of hospitality and its implement in daily social welfare services. Before the internship in agencies, the expert also gives lecture on nursing care insurance system. Every morning, the internship begins with the introduction of daily work by the head of service agency, then the students work whole day with the help of agency staffs. At the end of the day, students can communicate with the head and the staffs to share the experience and make the questions which encountered in internship get solved.

Finding & Conclusion: All the students mentioned their finding that both policy support and practical implement are critical and of equal importance to the social welfare services. As the first country in Asia entered aging society, it’s a great opportunity to learn from Japan’s successful experience in coping with aged tendency of population and the social welfare services for the children, elderly people, and the disabled people.

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