



第29代日本部会 会長を終えて

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6月3日の朝、私は東京駅丸の内広場に立ちなんと清々しく爽やかな光と風であろうと一人感嘆しておりました。この2年間の日本部会会長職の任務を終え改めて思うことは「感謝」・「友情」・「信頼」の言葉につきます。当初事務局長を経験させて頂いたことで私なりに得た今の日本部会の課題を提示させて頂きました。

その3つの課題を掲げ“今、新たなる出会いを！”をスローガンとして、35名の理事と監事の2名からなる執行部は活動を始めました。この課題は私にとってはプレッシャーであり原動力でもありました。

結果・評価はフェローの皆様から頂くところですが……。

まず「会員数の減少の問題について」は皆様のご理解と広いご支援のもと昨年は19名そして今年は14名と多くの新入フェローを迎えることが出来ました。ご推薦をして頂いた先生方には深く感謝申し上げます。今後も新入フェローの活力あふれる行動がICD日本部会の支えになる事と信じています。

「国際社会へのボランティア活動について」はモンゴル、ミャンマー、ラオスなどのすでに活動のあったボランティアに新しく参加されるフェローも少なくありませんでした。私もそれまで17年続けてきたミャンマー以外にラオスへのボランティアにも参加をさせて頂きました。その活動の様子は写真とパネルにて年末集会の場で発表させて頂き多くの皆さんに改めて認知して頂きました。

「会員相互の活動の活性化」としては新たに秋には終身会員のフェローを対象とした「錦齢会」、春には新入フェローを対象とした「菁々会」という2つの会を催しました。会員相互の懇談・懇親を深めるなかで先輩フェローの貴重な体験談やアドバイスを頂きました新入フェローからは新しいパワーと刺激を受けることが出来ました。また、個々の活動として支部を越えての勉強会や趣味・教養を通じたの交流会等も数多く行われました。こうした会員の活動状況や執行部の動向などは“四季折々”にて皆様に報告をさせて頂きました。

以上の様にICD日本部会での私の最大のテーマであった“今、新たなる出会いを！”を実感して頂けたのではないかと自負しております。

私自身も入会をして20余年になりますが、実に楽しく元気に幅広い経験と多くの出会いを得る事が出来ました。若いフェローの方々にも大いにICDを愛し楽しんで頂きたいと願っております。

最後に2020年秋にはICD創設100周年記念式典と云う大変記念すべき大会がこの日本で国際理事会と共に開催されます。この100周年記念式典に参加できる喜びを1人でも多くのフェローと分かちあえる様一層のお力添えを心よりお願い申し上げます。

On Finishing the 29th Japan Section Presidency

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Imd-Past President of I.C.D., Japan Section

On the morning of June 3, I was standing at Tokyo Station's Marunouchi Plaza appreciating the bracing air and the refreshing feel of the sun and wind. At this time, I have finished my role as the Japan Section President, a position I have held for the past two years. As I recall this period, the words "appreciation", "friendship" and "trust" come to mind.

At the beginning of my service as President, after having gained much from the past experience of the former Secretary General, I gave a presentation of targets I saw as necessary for the Japan Section to complete. Three challenging tasks were raised under the slogan "Now, a New Encounter!". The executive department, which consisted of 35 directors and managers, soon began activities for their completion. These tasks were both a pressure and a driving force for me, however, both the results and evaluation have come not from myself but from my fellows.

The first of these tasks was, considered to be "the problem of the decrease in the number of members". We have been able to welcome many new fellows, with 19 new members joining in the last year and a further 14 this year, all with the understanding and wide support of the other fellows. I would like to express my deep appreciation to the fellows who recommended them to this organization. I believe that the vigorous activities of the new fellows will be of benefit to the ICD Japan Section in the future.

The second task was "volunteer work in the international community". More than a few fellows are newly participating as volunteers in active events in countries such as Mongolia, Myanmar, and Laos. I myself have been volunteering for 17-years in Myanmar, and I have now also participated with volunteers in Laos. The results of this activity were presented at the Year-End meeting with photographs and panels, and many of the fellows were able to reminisce over these activities once again.

Thirdly, for "activating mutual activities amongst fellows", two newly named meetings were organized. A meeting called 'Kinrei-kai', which mainly consists of the permanent members in the autumn, and 'Seisei-kai', for the fresh new fellows in the spring, were held. Along with deepening mutual friendships and acquaintances among members, valuable experiences and advice from senior fellows was shared and stimulating power from new fellows was received. In addition, for individual activities, a lot of study sessions were held across each branch and exchange meetings through hobbies and cultural events were carried out.

By sending a "Four Seasons Letter" we have reported to all fellows the activities of other members and the trends of the executive department. I am confident that fellows have actually felt the meaning behind the theme "Now, a New Encounter!".

I, myself joined this organization over 20-years ago, and I have been able to gain a wealth of experiences and encounter a wide range of people. I hope that young fellows will find equal appreciation and enjoyment in the ICD Japan Section.

To finish, in the fall of 2020, a very special ceremony of the ICD foundation 100th anniversary will be held in Japan, together with the International Council. I sincerely hope that we will be able to share the pleasure of participating in this 100th anniversary ceremony with many ICD fellows.