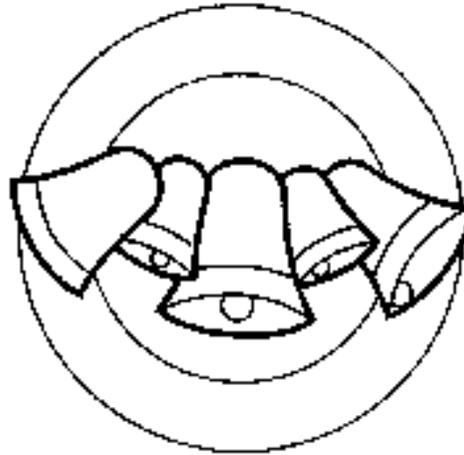


History :

- 1958 The 9th Conference of "International Council on Social Welfare" in Tokyo. Representatives of IFSW urged Japanese participants to establish an organization of social workers in Japan.
- 1960 Established
- 1962 Membership: 2000 and 10 branches
- 1965 Problems collecting membership fees made it difficult to maintain activities - communication with IFSW stopped. The name is preserved at the National Council of Social Welfare.
- 1982 Yuichi Nakamura and others planned to reconstruct the association.
- 1983 After several meetings, a General Meeting to start the Reconstruction of JASW was held.
- 1984 IFSW approves reinstatement of membership at the ninth General Meeting in Montreal
- 1986 "Code of Ethics" declared in the General Meeting.
- 1986 The 9th International Symposium of IFSW at the Tokyo Children's Castle.
- 1987 Developed a movement for "Qualification for Social Workers" with other organizations.
- 1987 "Certified Social Workers and Certified Care Workers Act" enacted. JASW social work seminars were held in nine places in the country.
- 1989 First National Study Meeting of Certified Social Workers.
- 1990 Second National Study Meeting of Certified Social Workers, and 15 training seminars for Supervisors.
- 1991 and thereafter, Training seminars were held utilizing the Support Network System annually.
- 2005 Recognition as a legal body by the Government.
- 2006 Former and Honorary President Yuichi Nakamura received an official commendation for his contribution to social work for fifty years from IFSW in Munich.

Japanese Association of Social Workers



The symbol of the Japanese Association of Social Workers is five bells . Social workers ring the "five bells" to strengthen the sounds of "Peace and Democracy"



human rights of Freedom, Peace and Well-being



respect of human being and self-realization



whole humanistic love and theory;

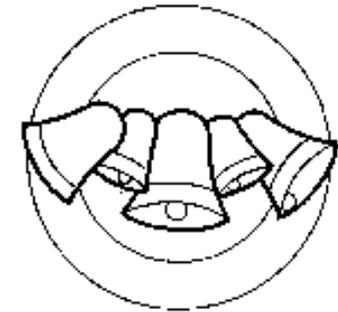


professionalism in study, practice and assistance;



building welfare society.

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Aims: (Article 3 of the Association)

The Association aims to contribute to the improvement and development of social welfare for all who are interested in building social system. The Association can present through enlightening works such as publicity of bulletins, books and internet homepages; researches on social work practices; various workshops on social welfare and social work; and broad training programs; and strengthening to work together with a wide-ranging people and related.

Activities: (Article 5 of the Association)

- ① Research social work practice;
- ② Publish Journal and Bulletin
- ③ Host seminars, training and workshops;
- ④ Develop and strengthen local associations;
- ⑤ Collaborate with and ensure coordination of national organizations of social work;
- ⑥ Ensure collaboration and coordination of relations between our assn. and IFSW and social workers in other countries; and
- ⑦ Other activities which are necessary in order to fulfill the aims of our assn.

Categories of membership :

- ① Regular member: those who are willing to approve the Aims of our assn.;
- ② Professional member: holding a formal qualification in social work and with practice experience of three years or more;
- ③ Associate member: holding a formal qualification in social work but with practice experience of three years or less
- ④ Supporting member: others who approve the Aims of our assn. and wish to support the assn.

Executives:

Honorary President: Yuichi Nakamura (Mr)
Advisor: Shiro Abe (Mr)
President: Goro Suzuki (Mr)
Vice Presidents: Takayoshi Ootomo(Mr), Yasunobu Ootsuka (Mr), Hiroshi Nemoto (Mr)
Auditor: Hisae Endo (Ms), Shigeru Oomizo (Mr)
Executive Directors : 11 board members
Board of Directors: 28 members
Numbers of Membership: 897 (2009.11.30)

Committees and Groups:

System Enforcement Committee: Toshitaka Dobashi (MR)
Suggesting Social Welfare Program Committee:
Takayoshi Ootomo (MR)
Research and Study Committee: Fumio Yonekawa (MR)
In-service Training Committee: Yasunobu Ootsuka (MR)
International Committee: Kozo Iwasaki (MR)
Ethics Committee: Hiroshi Nemoto (MR)
Public Relations Committee: Toshihide Nakamura (MR)
Home page Group: Haruhik Hoshino (MR)
Supporting Citizens' Activity Committee: Hiroko Tanaka (MS)
Research of Social Work History Committee: Masaharu Kita (MR)

Publication:

(All in Japanese)

“Social Worker” Journal ;
“JASW Bulletin”, six times a year;
“Ethical Handbook for social workers”;
“Potentiality of Social Work”;
Translated version of “Social Work and Globalization”
Translated version of “NASW Standards for Social Work Practice and Guideline”
Translated version of M Gibelman’s “What Social Workers Do”

Code of Ethics:

Preface

We, as social workers, recognize the fundamental dignity, value and equality of all human-beings. We declare that we are professionals who aim to promote social welfare and the self-realization of service-users, by striving to keep peace, by conforming to the principles of human rights and social justice and by developing and providing service user-oriented, high quality welfare services.

Focusing on that social change followed after the social development may result in environmental disruption and human alienation, we recognize that this profession is indispensable in the future welfare society system, and try to deepen and improve general public and citizen's understanding of the professionals' obligation.

We recognize that the following definition of social work, adopted in 2000 by IFSW and which we endorse, should be applied in social work practice, and we should practice social work based on it.

Definition of social work

The social work profession promotes social change, problem solving in human relationships and the empowerment and liberation of people to enhance well-being. Utilising theories of human behaviour and social systems, social work intervenes at the points where people interact with their environments. Principles of human rights and social justice are fundamental to social work.

We recognize that maintenance and improvement of social work knowledge, professional skills and ethics are not merely professional duties but benefit service users and society as a whole. The association is run by those who are committed to the code and pledge to uphold it.