



ENABLE KIDS PROJECT TO HOLD FORUM IN HAMAMATSU CITY, JAPAN

International migration has been going on in Asia for decades, creating opportunities and challenges for countries of origin, transit and destination. Although many policies and programs have been developed to address the consequences of migration, the focus has been on adults, Children are affected by migration too: as migrants themselves (oftentimes as part family migration), as members of migrant and multicultural families in destination countries, or as members the “left behind families” in the countries of origin.

The findings of a mapping of children-oriented policies and programs in a country of origin (the Philippines) and countries of destination (Japan and South Korea) will be shared at a forum that will be held at the 5th floor of Create Hamamatsu Bldg. (same as Hamamatsu Foundation for International Communication and Exchange or HICE) on 25 September 2016, from 0930 to 1400. The project is funded by the Toyota Foundation International Grants Program and is led by the Scalabrini Migration Center in the Philippines, along with a team experts and partners from the three countries.

The forum will also dedicate a panel on initiatives by the local government and NGOs in Hamamatsu City and sharing by youth representatives. Overall, the event seeks to stir meaningful discussions on how different actors are striving to meet the specific needs of children of migrant and multicultural families, and what can be done to further strengthen enabling policy and program initiatives.

To register for this forum and for other inquiries, please contact:

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ENABLING CHILDREN IN MULTICULTURAL SOCIETIES: INITIATIVES IN THE PHILIPPINES, JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA

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PROGRAM (as of 30 August 2016)

5F Create Hamamatsu, Hamamatsu City, Japan
25 September 2016, 0930-1400

- Facilitator *Dr. Sachi Takahata*
Associate Professor, University of Shizuoka
Enable Kids Project-Japan Coordinator
- 0930-1000 Registration
- 1000-1015 Welcome remarks
Dr. Itaru Nagasaka
Associate Professor, Hiroshima University
Enable Kids Project-Japan Director
- Introduction to the Enable Kids Project
Dr. Maruja M.B. Asis
Director of Research and Publications, Scalabrini Migration Center
Enable Kids Project-Overall Coordinator and Philippines Director
- 1015-1100 Panel 1: Enabling Children Initiatives: Country Highlights
- The Philippines
Ms. Karen Anne Liao
Research Associate, Scalabrini Migration Center
Enable Kids Project -Overall Project Documenter
- South Korea
Dr. Kim Yang Soon
Founder and Director, Jeju Children's Counseling Center
Enable Kids Project-Korea Director



Japan
Dr. Sachi Takahata
Associate Professor, University of Shizuoka

1100-1200 Panel 2: Lessons from Hamamatsu City
Supporting Migrant and Multicultural Children in Hamamatsu City
Mr. Yoshihiro Takemura
Secretary General, Hamamatsu Foundation for International Communication and Exchange (HICE)

Growing up as a Japanese Filipino
Mr. Ace Mizobe
Youth Leader, NPO Filipino Nagkaisa (Hamamatsu, Japan)

Moderator: Dr. Sachi Takahata

1200-1300 Lunch break

1300-1345 Panel 3: Insights and recommendations
Dr. Seori Choi
Research Fellow, IOM-Migration Research and Training Center
Enable Kids Project-Korea Adviser

Ms. Haruko Uchida
Researcher, Kyoto Human Rights Research Institute

Ms. Carmelita Nuqui
Executive Director, DAWN Philippines

1345-1400 Message
Ms. Michiru Sasagawa
Program Officer, Group of International Grants Program
The Toyota Foundation

Closing remarks
Dr. Itaru Nagasaka
Dr. Maruja M.B. Asis

