



International Symposium: Educational Inclusion of Children with Disabilities in Sri Lanka: Implications for low- and-middle income countries

Development of Early Intervention in Sri Lanka: Looking back the 30-year service provision by the governmental social service sector

Date/Time

October 20, 2023
14:00 ~ 16:00
(IST: Sri Lanka)

Venue

Online [Zoom meeting]

Participation fee

Free

Registration

Google Form

■ Deadline: October 17, 2023

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Guest Speaker

Ms. Leela Gunasinghe

Social Welfare Superintendent, Child Guidance Center, Department of Social Services, Sri Lanka

Commentator I

Ms. Sonomi Hibi Watanabe
No-Side Kofu Room, Japan

Commentator 2

Dr. Surani Nakkawita Mayo Clinic, USA

Commentator 3

Dr. Hiroko Furuta Kumamoto University, Japan

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[Background]

After the Salamanca Statement in 1994 and The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities adopted in 2006, how to enhance the inclusiveness of education has become an internationally recognized issue, including low- and-middle income countries. However, it is not an easy task for many such countries to develop the system to identify and enroll children, who have been excluded from education, often staying at home.

In Sri Lanka, the Department of Social Services (DSS) started early intervention with the support of JOCV volunteers in 1993. Ten years later, the Child Guidance Center (CGC) was set up by the DSS with Ms. Leela Gunasinghe, who had gotten the idea of starting CGC during her training in Japan, and ever since it has served the community for 20 years. This year, upon her leaving the position, we would like to invite her to speak about the history, struggles, present status, and some suggestions for developing early intervention in Sri Lanka as well as other low— and—middle income countries.

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■ Facilitator (including Q & A) Narumi Matsumoto (Tokyo Kasei University, Japan)

Masateru Higashida, Ph.D. (ARIISW, Japan)

■ Presenters Guest Speaker Leela Gunasinghe (Social Welfare Superintendent,

CGC, Dept. of Social Services, Sri Lanka)

* The speech will be previously recorded

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(ex-JOCV volunteer; No-Side Kofu Room, Japan)

Commentator 2 Surani Nakkawita, Ph.D.

(ex-part time staff, CGC; Mayo Clinic, U.S.A.)

Commentator 3 Hiroko Furuta, Ph.D.

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