

## Korea

### Medical Facilities Expansion Project (SNUH)



Measuring device for use in dentistry

#### Outline of Loan Agreement

Loan Amount / Disbursed Amount	4,320 million yen / 4,169 million yen
Loan Agreement	October 1990
Terms & Conditions	Interest rate 4.0%p.a. Repayment period 25 years (Grace period 7 years)
Final Disbursement Date	January 1996

#### Project Outline

Obsolete medical equipment was to be replaced and research equipment for the prevention and treatment of intractable diseases installed, with the aim of improving healthcare standards at Seoul National University Hospital (SNUH).

#### Results and Evaluation

Through the end of 1995, 762 obsolete medical instruments were replaced at SNUH, and 405 dental instruments, and 204 equipment items for intractable disease research were newly installed, for a total of 1,372 items. More than 7 years has passed since this equipment was procured and some items have already reached their durable life and been disposed, however, the majority remain in use and are in good condition.

The hospital bed occupancy rate at SNUH was around 90% throughout the 1990s and has remained high, from which it is inferred that consultations and treatment are highly reliable. Meanwhile, the average duration of inpatient hospitalization is on the decrease, which is attributed to improved standards of healthcare.

Moreover, there has been a parallel and extensive increase in the number of doctors since the early 1990s, and numbers of outpatient consultations had reached roughly 5,000 in 2001, up from around 3,000 in 1988. This project is evaluated as having responded to patients' healthcare needs by supporting improvements in consultation capacity in combination with the increases in doctor numbers.

There are no problems with the operation and maintenance of the equipment, and SNUH is expected to continue to develop independently through managerial efforts.