



Since CUSPH was established, its function has been not only to provide medical services, but also to work as a community center, for example, people come to donate clothes and medicines to this hospital so that patients in need can use them. The medical services provided here are basically free, even though we have high standard Japanese facilities and services.

Our hospital also plays a role as a training center for medical personnel from both inside and outside Egypt. Doctors and nurses often come from other university hospitals or governmental hospitals for workshops and seminars. Also, cooperating with JICA, we have been holding training programs for those from African and Middle Eastern countries. In March 2004, Iraqi doctors and nurses visited our hospital for training courses. I'm very pleased that we could pass on to others the skills and techniques we got from Japan.



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JICA invited me to Japan in 2001 as a trainee where I learnt to operate an ECMO (artificial lungs) machine and visited medical centers all over Japan. After that I worked with Japanese experts in the Pediatric Emergency Care Project. As a result of this project, the concept of pediatric emergency medicine was introduced to CUSPH and the whole management process of the emergency care services has been improved. We are now making efforts for further development using the information we received from the technical cooperation project.



(2) Medical Training Courses for Iraqis (TCTP)

Based upon the agreement between Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, on May 24, 2003 in Cairo, both Governments formulated a joint medical cooperation project for Iraq.

Iraq is a country with a long history of medical competence and with a considerably good human resource potential. However, it suffered twelve years of sanctions during which its scientists and medical doctors were unable to receive information regarding the latest advances in their fields. As a result of this situation, both Governments provisionally agreed to implement a two years' project which is composed of:

1. Technical cooperation aiming to establish or rehabilitate a model educational hospital in Baghdad to be used as a base for trilateral cooperation.
2. Seminars and training courses on medical technology to be held in Iraq.
3. Seminars and training courses to be held in Egypt and Japan.

For such implementation, the Faculty of Medicine of Cairo University, JICA and the World Health Organization agreed to work together to establish a medical exchange program and training courses for Iraqi medical personnel.

Initially, in October 2003, five Iraqi medical leaders were invited to Egypt and Japan to formulate training courses and to plan future cooperation. Based on these meetings four training courses were planned to train 105 Iraqi doctors and nurses in Endoscopic Surgery, ICU, Pediatrics and Nursing.

In March 2004, the four courses were started with the cooperation of JICA and Cairo University, of which Japan has contributed to the improvement of CUSPH and the Nursing Faculty. Each course was attended by around 25 Iraqi medical personnel. All the courses were successful and made an auspicious start for further cooperation between Egypt, Iraq and Japan.

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Following this success, during fiscal year 2004, 375 Iraqi medical personnel will visit Egypt for training courses, which will be held in October, December and February 2005.

In this connection, JICA donated medical equipment and medicines to Iraq, since all medical supplies were lacking after the war, causing problems to medical personnel who took training courses and gained the relevant skills.

Medical supplies were purchased in Egypt and shipped via Jordan in 3 trucks at the end of May 2004. They were delivered to Baghdad, from where they were distributed to rural cities and villages in Iraq.

(3) Modern Management Techniques in Nursing (TCTP)

Japan has been contributing to the improvement in nursing capability in Egypt for many years. From April 1978 to March 1983, cooperating with the Ministry of Health, JICA implemented a technical cooperation project, Nursing Education and Research. To transfer the benefits of those projects to other developing countries, a TCTP course, African Nurse Leaders was launched in 1985. It was modified as a new TCTP course on Modern Management Techniques in Nursing in 2001. The aim of this six week course is to train nurse leaders from African countries in management principles and communication by developing skills in conflict resolution, decision making, and research methodology. This year 18 trainees from 15 African countries are participating in the course.

In addition, JICA has donated grant aid of 2,809 million yen to the High Institute of Nursing of Cairo University, which is now the Nursing Faculty of Cairo University, to refurbish its facilities. After the renovation, a technical cooperation project was implemented by JICA to improve and strengthen the function and the medical services of the institute for the period of April 1994 through March 1999.

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(4) Construction Project of the Educational and Cultural Center (Opera House)

Under the Five-Year National Development Plan from 1978 to 1982, The Government of Egypt intended to strengthen social education and cultural activities giving particular attention to the up-grading of educational standards for the young. Since an annual 2-3% population growth was recorded at that time, the Government was required to construct more educational facilities to supplement the education of music, painting and other cultural activities, serving people of all ages.

The situation led the Government of Egypt to plan the construction of an Educational and Cultural Center. On the occasion of the visit of President Mubarak to Japan in April 1983, the Government of Japan decided to cooperate in the execution of the project. After 34 months of construction, the Educational and Cultural Center (Opera House) was inaugurated on October 10th, 1988. The Center is equipped with the most comprehensive technical and stage facilities in Africa and the Middle East, presenting the various cultures not only of Egypt, but all over the world. It also holds special programs and training classes for young talented performers in all artistic fields.

After more than 15 years of operation, the original equipment was in need of replacement, so JICA implemented a follow-up project for the Opera House. In 2003 a new digital light and sound system was installed with the dispatch of Japanese experts who gave instruction on the operation of the new equipment.

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