PROJECT OUTLINE

1. **Project Name:** Training for nurses as elderly care Key-persons in Da Nang City

2. **Background and Necessity of the Aid Item:**
   Aging will continue to progress in Vietnam in the future as a result of economic development, changes in lifestyle, and improvements in medical technology. Consequently, an increase in the number of psychiatric disorders and chronic diseases such as lifestyle-related diseases is expected. Therefore, more knowledge and skills related to nursing care and new prevention initiatives are required. Japan has been working to alleviate disorders and prevent deterioration by establishing a nursing specialist system in addition to improving nursing skills. Transferring Japanese-style nursing care to Vietnam should promote the differentiation of functions between the hospital and the home and improve patient the Quality Of Life (here in after referred to as QOL) in Vietnam, where the demand for hospitals is increasing. In Seki City an improvement in the quality of nursing care staff has been achieved through cooperation among hospitals, care facilities, and universities in the city. In addition, it has traditionally been manufacturing medical equipment such as surgical knives that employ traditional techniques for cutting tools grown in the city.

3. **Purpose:** This project aims to transfer the Japanese concept of elderly care (geriatric nursing/care) and associated skills to improve nursing quality and to contribute to solving care-related problems in Vietnam. The problems include elderly patients being confined to the bed and the restraint of elderly patients with dementia.

4. **Target Area:** Da Nang City

5. **Target Group:** Nursing professionals working at hospitals or individuals with nursing qualifications within Da Nang City. Direct beneficiaries: approximately 300, Indirect beneficiaries: approximately 3,000

6. **Expected Outcomes:** Elderly care Key-persons (here in after refered to as Key -persons) are to be trained in elderly care skills based on a Japanese model. The aim is to improve the quality of nursing through the activities of these elderly care key-persons, thereby improving QOL of inpatients.

7. **Activities:**
   (1) Dispatching Japanese experts to Vietnam
   - Dispatch two Japanese language instructors and two elderly care instructors to provide Japanese language education and elderly care training
- Dispatch teachers specialized in elderly care and nursing from Chubu Gakuin University to deliver special lectures on geriatric care
- Dispatch nursing care teachers from Japan to monitor cases of elderly care practice

(2) Receiving trainees from Vietnam
- Invite three nursing teachers from Danang University of Medical Technology and Pharmacy to Japan and provide an opportunity for training
- Conduct a 6-week training for the 20 invited trainees at Seki City (2 weeks at Chubu Gakuin University and 4 weeks in the elderly care facility)

8. Implementing Duration: March 2015~March 2017

9. Implementing Organizations:
- Japanese Side: Educational Association Gifu Seibi Gakuin, Chubu Gakuin University
- Vietnamese Side: Danang University of Medical Technology and Pharmacy