

**Naohiro Hohashi (PhD, RN, PHN, LSN)**

**Achievements:**

The education, research and practice of family nursing in Japan began in 1992, with the establishment of Departments of Family Nursing at the University of Tokyo and Chiba University. The department at the Tokyo University was established by the late Dr. Chieko Sugishita, Dr. Kazuko Ishigaki and Dr. Naohiro Hohashi. Since then, Dr. Hohashi has continued his pioneering work in the field of family nursing in Japan.

In 1994, the Japanese Association for Research in Family Nursing (JARFN) was founded, with Dr. Hohashi serving as a trustee as well as performing other functions. In 2007 he became a member of the JARFN Board of Directors and has continued in that capacity, as well as serving as chairperson of JARFN's Committee for International Exchanges. In terms of international activities, from the time of the founding of the International Family Nursing Association (IFNA) until 2014, Dr. Hohashi served as a member of IFNA's board of directors, during which time he devoted great efforts to building bridges between family nursing in Japan and overseas. Functioning as the tour organizer, he was instrumental in encouraging numerous Japanese professionals to participate in International Family Nursing Conferences held around the world.

In 2011, Dr. Hohashi, while serving as chairperson for the 18th Annual Conference of the JARFN, succeeded in setting the current record for participants, with 1,569 people in attendance. Concurrently with that event, he also served as vice chairperson for the 10th International Family Nursing Conference, held in Kyoto, Japan, which was to make a major contribution to advancing international exchanges between Japan and other countries. Three years later in 2014, he served as chairperson of the 35th International Association for Human Caring Conference, also held in Kyoto, which among its successes was to greatly expand on the concepts of family caring.

In addition to his other work, Dr. Hohashi has served as an ad-hoc reviewer of manuscripts for the JARFN publication, "Japanese Journal of Research in Family Nursing (JJRFN)." He has likewise energetically contributed papers to the JJRFN --- 15 Japanese-language papers at current count --- making him the most prolific contributor to JJRFN. He has also published three original papers in the English-language "Journal of Family Nursing," the most by any Japanese citizen. Overall, Dr. Hohashi has published more than 70 papers and has clearly contributed to advancing research in the family nursing field in Japan. He has up to the present made a total of 262 presentations at conferences (193 in Japan and 69 abroad).

Dr. Hohashi has also authored, co-authored or contributed to more than 90 books. In particular, his recent work, "New family health care nursing: Theory, practice and research" is being utilized as a textbook at family nursing departments throughout Japan. The contents of this work encompass various

original contents, including such themes as family signs/symptoms, growth and development segments for the family system unit, and others.

In the field of nursing education, Dr. Hohashi was instrumental in setting up a specialized degree, with the adoption of a graduate-level course leading to a degree as Certified Nurse Specialist (CNS). This degree as an Advanced Practice Nurse, unique to Japan, is currently offered as a special education course at only six graduate schools in the country.

In 2007, Dr. Hohashi founded The society for the study of the Concentric Sphere Family Environment Model (SSCSFEM), and as chairperson has up to now held seminars at which the fundamentals of family nursing are considered, family case studies, etc., are conducted, and their clinical applications are practiced.

Dr. Hohashi is active in a number of academic organizations, in particular that of the Japan Society of Nursing Research (JSNR), largest professional organization of its kind with a membership of some 7,000, where he serves as a director. In addition, he also serves as Editor-in-Chief of the JSNR publication, "Journal of Japan Society of Nursing Research," thus functioning as the "nerve center" of the nursing field in Japan.

As the fruition of more than 10 years of research, Dr. Hohashi conceptualized the Concentric Sphere Family Environment Theory (CSFET), a middle-range family nursing theory he proposes that is likely to be his greatest contribution to family nursing in Japan. The family assessment models and family intervention models on which the development of the CSFET is based are currently being utilized in clinical settings. In addition numerous tools have been developed for use with these assessment and intervention models, and various instruction booklets have also been published, the effectiveness of which have been confirmed in Japan.

Dr. Hohashi has also worked to introduce successful programs and practices from abroad into Japan. One example of these was the Feetham Family Functioning Survey (FFFS), which, after obtaining permission from its developer, he translated into Japanese, field tested, refined and modified for use with Japanese families. He then oversaw the creation of a Chinese-language version of the FFFS, which was utilized by professionals in China. His efforts eventually resulted the publication of several original research papers that provided useful insights into social and cultural differences as relate to nursing among people of different ethnicities.

The above stand out as highlights of a record of over 20 years in pioneering work in the family nursing field, fully demonstrating that Dr. Hohashi is worthy of nomination as a recipient for the Innovative Contribution to Family Nursing Award.