

**Dr. Junko Honda, Japan**

**IFNA Rising Star in Family Nursing Award Nomination**

**Nominator of Dr. Honda for IFNA Award is Dr. Kathy Anderson (USA), with sponsoring persons, Dr. Marcia VanRiper (USA), Dr. LiChi Chiang (Taiwan), and Dr. Kathy Knafl (USA).**

**Synthesis of her work in the development of Family Nursing**

It is with great pleasure that we nominate Dr. Junko Honda for the IFNA Rising Star in Family Nursing Award. We feel she exemplifies perfectly an example of a Rising Star Young Scholar in Family Nursing. Dr. Honda completed her PhD in 2014 and has been prolific in her research efforts and publication. She based her career trajectory in family nursing from her practice experience as a pediatric nurse, who learned early that care of families was important and that family nursing research and the evidence of family interventions needed further development in Japan.

**Research of Family Nursing**

Her program of research has focused on research concerning family functioning. She worked closely with Dr. Hohashi on factors affecting family functioning by various families; families with various family developmental stages with a family member who has illness and other health concerns. The title of her master's thesis was "Transcultural Study on Family Functions and Daily Time Allocation of Family Members: Comparing Japanese with Chinese Dual-Income Families with Children." In her master's work, she developed the Chinese Version of the Feetham Family Functioning Survey (FFFS) for this study (Hohashi, N & Honda, J, 2008). In addition, she conducted studies on the ethnography of family functions in child-rearing households in both the Japanese and Chinese study fields. The publication from this research was "An Ethnographic Study on Family Functions of Child-Rearing Households in Hong Kong: With a focus on the Implementation of Family Functions" in the Japanese Journal of Research in Family Nursing (2007). Dr. Honda's research has focused on both quantitative and qualitative assessment of family functions in her methodological approaches to family nursing research. Her recent publications include "Discrepancies between couples' perceptions of family functioning in child-rearing Japanese families" and "Factors Affecting the Perception of Family Functioning among Couples in Child-Rearing Japanese Families."

Over the last 10 years, Dr. Hohashi and Dr. Honda developed the *Concentric Sphere Family Environment Theory* (CSFET), a middle-range family nursing theory, a significant 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 and are in further testing in different clinical conditions. Dr. Honda has worked on the development and implementation of numerous tools for use with the assessment and intervention model. Instructional booklets to implement the CSFET have also been published, enabling determination of the effectiveness confirmation of the model in Japan. The most recent trajectory of this work is "Development of family intervention guideline and intervention model by family symptoms based on the Concentric Sphere Family Environment Theory." Following her own research program trajectory, Dr.

Honda obtained recent research funding for family nursing from the *Japan Society for the Promotion of Science* to facilitate several projects to foster the development of family interventions. Her current funded project is “Development of the program of family nursing competency for generalist nurses using e-learning tool” where she is the principal investigator, testing the IFNA Generalist Competencies for Family Nursing in Japan.

Dr. Honda received funding for the opportunity of studying abroad from Kobe University to be a visiting international scholar at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to study under Dr. Kathleen Knafl and Dr. Marcia Van Riper, well know family research experts. For six months, she participated as a research scholar with UNC's research programs learning various methodologies for family nursing research. Since her study, she continues as a research collaborator with Drs. Knafl and VanRiper on joint project, also joined the IFNA International Research Collaboration and works with international colleagues for the future of family nursing research. Her abbreviated CV indicates she has co-published 7 books, 6 book chapters, 14 refereed journal articles (more publication not listed on this CV), and received continuous prestigious funding since 2012.

### **Education of Family Nursing**

In addition to her research productivity, Dr. Honda excels as a family nursing educator, teaching evidenced based family nursing to undergraduate students using the results of CSFET study and developed family assessment tools. In clinical practice education for undergraduates, she teaches pediatric children's care, but also families' care using CSFET assessment tools. In addition, Dr. Honda lectures at Kobe University in the degree program for Certified Nurse Specialist (CNS) in Family Health Nursing, a course unique to Japan, which fuses care and cure. In addition, she also provides graduate lectures in Japanese and English, and teaches in clinical education. In 2016, Dr. Honda completed successfully the achievement of becoming a certified Transcultural Nurse-Advanced (CTN-A) from Transcultural Nursing Society. She currently teaches “Transcultural Family Nursing” for graduate students, emphasizing the importance for family nurses to provide cultural sensitive care for the family.

Since 2014, Dr. Honda has been a member of IFNA Practice Committee as the only Japanese representative and contributed her expertise to the discussion of the development of “Advanced Practice Competencies for Family Nursing.” She intends to summarize opinions concerning “Advanced Practice Competencies on Family Nursing” for Certified Nurse Specialists in Family Health Nursing in Japan and lead this discussion. Dr. Honda translated the “Generalist Competencies for Family Nursing Practice” into Japanese and educates Japanese nursing students and nurses using this position statement. Through such international collaborations, one of Dr. Honda's future interests is to contribute to the development of transcultural family nursing to devote her career work to the promotion of family nursing from a caring and cultural perspective. See Dr. Honda's attached and abbreviated CV for the additional evidence to support her for the IFNA Rising Star in Family Nursing Award and her contribution to Family Nursing science, practice, and research.