**2019 IFNA Award Nomination: Excellence Contribution to Family Nursing Award**

**Nomination of Kiyoko Kamibeppu, RN, PHN, PhD**

Prof. Kiyoko Kamibeppu currently serves as Head of Division of Health Sciences and Nursing, Graduate School of Medicine at the University of Tokyo. She is the leader of the Department of Family Nursing, which was established in 1992 by the late Prof. Chieko Sugishita as the first department in Japan which provided expertise in family nursing to undergraduate and graduate nursing students.

She studied health sciences and mental health in the University of Tokyo. After she graduated from the doctoral program in mental health, she worked in the psychological liaison department of a general hospital, a child health department and a pediatric outpatient clinic in a child welfare center, a counseling department in a women’s center, and a psychiatric outpatient clinic in a university hospital as a clinical psychologist or a nurse for 20 years. These rich clinical experiences have been the foundation for her later work as a nurse scientist and an educator.

She started her academic career in 2002 at the University of Tokyo, the most prestigious university in Japan. She was promoted to the head of the Department of Family Nursing and assigned as Professor in 2012. She has served as the Head of Division of Health Sciences and Nursing which includes 13 departments. She teaches family nursing and pediatric nursing to undergraduate nursing students and family nursing research to postgraduate students. She received a grant and built a laboratory equipped with one-way mirrors and a recording system to help graduate nursing students improve their family interviewing skills. She has conducted numerous family nursing research studies with her graduate students, targeting families who have children with chronic illnesses including pediatric cancer and acute care needs; mothers with psychiatric illness; fathers with brain dysfunction; hospitalization of a family member in the intensive care unit, end-of-life care, suicide, and families who are caring for their older adult parents. She has also been focused on education to enhance family nursing practice and has offered more than 70 case study sessions for clinicians in clinical and home care setting as well as graduate students. Her laboratory of family nursing has been very popular and it has produced 48 master level and 20 PhD graduates. Among them, five have become professors, four have become associate professors, and many are working in Ministry of Health and Labour or the Japan Nursing Association--all supporting the importance of family nursing education, research, and policy.

Prof. Kamibeppu’s outstanding contribution to family nursing is her visionary efforts to prevent child abuse. Her team provided municipal public health nurses with knowledge of perinatal mental health skills training to screen for early care of high-risk mothers and improved the care of this vulnerable population of families. This method has now spread to include more than 70 % of municipal communities in Japan. Further, she developed a measurement tool to predict postpartum depression during pregnancy with an emphasis on the importance of the early detection and intervention for postpartum depression and prevention of child abuse. Her research and collaboration with municipal health centers and perinatal facilities has promoted increased coordination of services which has impacted national policy in Japan to promote early detection of this high-risk population of postpartum depression and child abuse beginning during the pregnancy. She also developed a Maternal Mental Health Promotion Program, and she conducted the program at pre-birth classes for pregnant women and their partners held in hospitals and municipal centers. She found the program was effective in improving communication between pregnant women and their partners. This also led to a focus on seamless care from pregnancy to the second phase of Healthy Parent-Child 21 which was announced as a major focus. She was the first nursing researcher to write about fetal abuse in nursing textbooks in Japan. This also drew attention from Japanese researchers and from abroad including Hong Kong, Korea, and the United States. She was featured in a TV program in Korea about child abuse prevention efforts. She has been also involved in international collaborative research with researchers in Asia and US. These series of practice and research results were introduced as research news on the web-site of the International Family Nursing Association (IFNA) and will be reported in a Preconference Workshop at the 14th International Family Nursing Conference (IFNC14) in Washington DC, USA in August 2019.

Another innovative effort Dr. Kamibeppu has led is the establishment of the Quality of Life (QOL) Research Center and it has grown to become the Department of Health Quality and Outcome Research in the Global Nursing Research Center. Since it is difficult to assess QOL of children and adolescents who are still developing, her research team has developed the Japanese version of Pediatric Quality of Life Inventory (PedsQL), including PedsQL Generic Scale and disease specific modules, which can be used by both parents and children. These instruments have been used widely used globally. She has worked with researchers and practitioners in various fields and conducted many QOL studies using these scales with various patient populations including children with leukemia/ brain tumor/osteosarcoma. Her most recent contribution is the research and practice of transitional support for adolescent patients with chronic illness including childhood cancer. Her team has just completed a randomized controlled trial of a developed transitional support program for adolescent and their care givers, which is the very first trial in Japan. In addition, she developed a training program named “Lifetime Care and Support for Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult” for a variety of health care professionals to gain knowledge and improve skills to care and support survivors, including transitional support. This training program is regularly convened across the nation and supported by the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. Researchers in Asian countries are also keenly interested in this work and its impact on the healthcare in Asia. The results of this research were presented at 8th IFNC in Bangkok, Thailand, 2007; 11th IFNC Minneapolis, Minnesota USA 2013l; and published in the *Journal of Family Nursing* in November 2015.

Throughout her career, Prof. Kamibeppu has volunteered her time and expertise to family nursing leadership in Japan and beyond. She is a long-standing member of the Board of Directors of the Japanese Association for Research in Family Nursing (JARFN), has served on the Editorial Committees of JARFN and is now the Chair of the Research Committee of JARFN. She had the honor of being chosen to serve as the Chair of the 19th Annual Conference of JARFN which was held September 8-9, 2012 in Tokyo, Japan. The theme of the 2012 conference was “*Families and Resilience”* with the goal of supporting families’ recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake 2011. Prof. Kamibeppu is an active member of IFNA and she served as a member of the IFNA Nominating Committee from 2016-2017. Her efforts have helped to identify talented family nursing leaders in Japan. Prof. Kamibeppu’s other outstanding contribution to family nursing is the Journal of Family Nursing (JFN)-Japanese Journal of Research in Family Nursing (JJRFN) abstract exchange project which began in 2015. She is in charge of this project on behalf of the JARFN in collaboration with Prof. Janice M. Bell, Editor of the JFN. This exchange project provides increased visibility about advances in family nursing science in Japan and around the world.

Prof. Kamibeppu’s tireless and bold efforts, focused on an unusual combination of family nursing leadership roles in practice, research, and education through cumulative career achievement, are deserving of an IFNA Excellence in Family Nursing Award. She has educated numerous leaders of family nursing for the next generation and her research has impacted national policy and changed the practice of family nursing in Japan and beyond.

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