

Country Report for the IBCE meeting

October 22, 2014

- 1) On October 16th 2014, the list of JCR registered chiropractors was handed to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW). This is the first time to see the Japanese government receives the list of registered chiropractors who completed the WHO standard education and registration requirements in Japan. Dr Yoshihiro Muakami, JCR (Japan Chiropractic Register) council with the assistance of Mr Masao Akamatsu (former vice minister of Health, Labour and Welfare) met Dr Jun Kitazawa (Chief, Medical Professions Division) and Mr Masaaki Shiromoto (Deputy Director) at the Medical Professions Division office of Health Policy Bureau in the MHLW. Dr Kei Takeyachi, (president, Japanese Association of Chiropractors) presented there as an observer.

In the meeting five items were explained; 1. Establishment of JCR and purpose of its registration, 2. Professional situations in countries in which chiropractic is regulated, 3. Chiropractic education in legislated countries, 4. Chiropractic guidelines in safety and advertising, and 5. Safety Training Program with the request of the National Consumer Affairs Center of Japan (NCAC). From now on the JCR list will be handed to the MHLW on a regular basis.



Picture from L-R: Mr Masaaki Shiromoto (Deputy Director of Medical Professions Division, MHLW), Dr Jun Kitazawa (Chief of Medical Professions Division, MHLW), Dr Yoshihiro Muakami (JCR council) and Mr Masao Akamatsu (former vice minister of MHLW)

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)

<http://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/>

- 2) In January 2013, Chiropractic Guidelines in Safety and Advertising were published by the Japanese Association of Chiropractors (JAC) at the request of the National Consumer Affairs Center of Japan (NCAC). This request was made as a result of the observation of an increasing number of injuries being caused by manual therapists including chiropractors and substandard chiropractic practitioners in Japan.

National Consumer Affairs Center of Japan (NCAC)

http://www.kokusen.go.jp/ncac_index_e.html

Chiropractic Guideline-Safety

http://www.jac-chiro.org/pdf/guidelines/chirosafety_eng.pdf

Chiropractic Guideline-Advertising

http://www.jac-chiro.org/pdf/guidelines/chiroadvertising_eng.pdf

- 3) JAC promotes the WHO education standards as a means of protecting public. However we still have many substandard practitioners who have potential harm to public. Therefore the NCAC asked JAC for having the Safety Training Program being started in April 2014. JAC requested Tokyo College of Chiropractic to start a temporary 3-year correspondence course named 'Chiropractic Safety Education Program' to upgrade their knowledge. This program will be hold from 2014 to 2019 following the WHO guidelines Category II (B). Graduates of the Chiropractic Safety Education Program are required to pass the IBCE test in order to register as a WHO standard chiropractor in the JCR (Japan Chiropractic Registers) list. This program was approved and recommended by the World Federation of Chiropractic in 2014.

JAC Videos (Japanese language only)

<http://www.jac-chiro.org/movie.html>

- 4) The Japan Chiropractic Register (JCR) was established in 2008 through the financial support of the JAC. The official registration of chiropractors has now commenced and about 400 chiropractors are registered with the

JCR by October, 2014. With the assistance of the NCAC and the Japan Advertising Review Organization (JARO) the JCR's role is to notify the government and public that "JCR registered chiropractors are safe". Chiropractors meeting a minimum educational standard are eligible to apply for registration with the JCR.

The JCR offers the IBCE exam each year in order to evaluate applicants. Graduates of CCE accredited or equivalent schools are required to take the IBCE exam to register with the JCR list including final year students of Tokyo College of Chiropractic. For those who hold a national/state/province license from any legislated country or pass the NBCE Part I and II, the IBCE test is not required to register the JCR list.

Japan Chiropractic Register (JCR)

<http://www.chiroreg.jp/english.html>

JCR Chiropractor Search Site (Japanese language only)

<http://www.chiroreg.jp/db/index.html>

Japan Advertising Review Organization (JARO)

<http://www.jaro.or.jp/english/index.html>

- 5) Tokyo College of Chiropractic (former RMIT University Chiropractic Unit Japan) marks its 20th anniversary next year. In March 2015, an international clinical education meeting will be hold by TCC and several schools from Australia, Malaysia, South Korea, Canada, Spain, Mexico and Japan will attend at the meeting.

Tokyo College of Chiropractic (TCC)

<http://www.chiro.jp/english.html>

Chiropractic Education Blossoms in Japan RMIT Unit Opens

<http://www.dynamicchiropractic.com/mpacms/dc/article.php?id=40332>

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