

## **Activities of the Alliance for Healthy Cities, Japan Chapter (April 2022 to March 2023)**

### **1. The 18th General Assembly of the Alliance for Healthy Cities (AFHC) Japan Chapter**

The 18th General Assembly of the AFHC Japan Chapter was held on August 4, 2022, as a Web meeting to prevent the spread of COVID-19. And the conference was postponed to November 24, 2022, and organized as a face-to-face meeting in Izumisano City, Osaka.

About the attendance of the General assembly, from the member cities, 21 were attended, 12 were voted in writing and one submitted proxy and from the cooperating organization, one attended. In the relation with the conference theme "Laugh and Health", there was the keynote lecture titled "Laugh laugh and become healthy ~ wonderful effect of the laughter" from Tetsuya Ohira of Fukushima Medical University. In addition, the member cities announced the approach example and the Yoshimoto Comedy Theater performed attraction and showed the upsurge very much. In addition, we set-up exhibition panel booth of member organizations inside of the venue, it made lively scene with many attendees.

Including a general audience, total attendee to the conference and exhibition booth was more than 300 participants. It became a grand conference that facilitated interaction between member city mayors, collaborating organizations, and even civic groups.

### **2. Functional cooperation with WHO Collaborating Centre for Healthy Cities and Urban Policy Research**

Based on the "Healthy Cities Design Model (Version 1.0)" which was developed in FY 2021, to measures the degree of a healthy city, and incorporating the way of thinking of WHO's Healthy Cities Indicators, we have developed an overall index that combines indicators in three areas: "Indicators for Healthy Communities and Society," "Indicators for Human Health and Safety," and "Indicators for Healthy City Initiatives."

### **3. FY 2022 Main Activities of the AFHC Japan Chapter Secretariat**

To raise awareness of the efforts of the AFHC, the secretariat made communication and coordination with related organizations.

### **4. Main Activities of the AFHC Japan Chapter Working Committees**

- (1) Membership Recruitment Working Committee headed by Suita City, Osaka  
The Membership Recruitment Working Committee provided information in response to inquiries regarding membership in the AFHC and the AFHC Japan Chapter. The committee also organized a scheme to quickly provide information on materials and procedures.
- (2) Public Relations Working Committee headed by Myoko City, Niigata  
Through the AFHC Japan Chapter website, the Public Relations Working Committee communicated information domestically and shared the efforts regarding Healthy City each other between AFHC Japan Chapter member municipalities and municipalities and cooperating organizations.