

## On Issuing *The Senshu Social Well-being Review*

*The Senshu Social Well-being Review* was first published in March 2015. It was originally started as a house journal for publishing research outcomes of the MEXT-Supported Program for the Strategic Research Foundation at Private Universities, “Forming a Social Well-being Research Consortium in Asia” (hereinafter referred to as “SWB Project”). After the subsidized project ended in March 2019, we are currently inviting submissions from public to turn this journal into a platform in the area of social well-being studies.

Under the SWB Project, for carrying out a comparative research on social well-being in the East and Southeast Asia, a survey titled “Social Well-Being Survey in Asia (SoWSA)” was conducted in Japan, South Korea, Vietnam (2015), Thailand, the Philippines (2016), Indonesia, and Taiwan (2017). The research outcomes have been published in volumes 1 to 5 of this journal. SoWSA East Asian data set was already published in June 2019, and SoWSA Southeast Asian data set is to be published in spring 2020 at Korea Social Science Data Archive (KOSSDA).

Furthermore, one of the aims of this project is to form an international consortium to study social well-being in Asia. With the joining of Mongolia, it has now become a federation of research institutions representing eight Asian countries. In addition to the four international conferences held in Japan till date, we have held international symposiums with many participants in the member countries such as Thailand, Vietnam (2017), Indonesia, South Korea (2018), and Taiwan (2019).

The project underwent significant organizational changes in April 2019. Hiroo Harada, Emeritus Professor of Senshu University, who served as chair for many years at the Center for Social Well-being Studies and the Center for Social Capital Studies that preceded it, retired in March 2019. Moreover, as the grant from MEXT ended, the budget has significantly decreased, currently we have continued our research by using funds from the Japan Society for Promotion of Science and research institutions in each country. We are continuing our efforts to obtain more funds to realize the second wave of the Social Well-Being Survey in Asia in near future.

We already have many well-known data sets on well-being studies such as the World Values Survey and European Values Study (R. Inglehart, *Cultural Evolution*, 2018). The Social Well-Being Survey in Asia would supplement these data sets in terms of its geographic coverage and many original instruments. We hope *The Senshu Social Well-being Review* becomes a platform for joint international research in Asia.

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