

Dear friends:

I would like to reflect our activities in the past year and share with you.

In February, four of our graduate students and I attended the East Asian Forum of Nursing Scholars Conference in Bangkok. The picture below is a puppet show at the welcome reception. It reminded me of the Japanese version of the puppet. Our students got a glimpse of international conference.

February, East Asian Forum of Nursing Scholars Conference in Bangkok, with my friend and student



In March 2nd, we held an international symposium on current issues in dementia and dementia care in East Asia.

With invited speakers from mainland China, Thailand, South Korea, and Taiwan.



In late March, our masters students graduated, and one student completed the PhD. I was impressed with our students' accomplishments. Yoko in bright green Kimono had joined our team in April and now is an indispensable partner in the research unit.

March, after the commencement ceremony



Students in kimono were my hard working mater's students.

Our team were delighted to meet Dr. Kang again in Soule. She spent nearly a year with us while

she was on sabbatical. She is very creative and hard working. We have some wonderful memory with her.



With Dr. Kang and her student at the 20th International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics conference in Soule, Korea

September was a memorable month in many ways. I decided to break up the infection control study group which I was an organizer and coordinator for the past 12 years. We worked hard and held 30 conferences. I started to feel the need for reduced work load. After the conference we had a lovely party and they gave me a bouquet of flowers.



September, Kansai Infection Prevention Network

My students and I visit Tzu Chi college of Technology in Hualien, Taiwan to attend one week seminar. Staying in the dormitory was a cultural experience to remember. Hualien was beautiful. We had a quick tour to the ocean and the Taroco National park. The picture on below was the best picture of the year.



With Christina, her staff, my colleagues, and my students in Hualien

At Taipei Medical University, College of Nursing



In Taipei, we paid a visit to the Taipei Medical University. We felt very welcomed and look forward to doing collaborative work.

Since we became the Joanna Briggs Institute affiliate centre four years ago, our team get a chance to visit Adelaide, Australia where my friend for 34 years lives, every two years. Life never fails to amaze me!

October, the Joanna Briggs Institute Asian Centre directors, in Adelaide, Australia



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