

Dear friends:

I intended to write a greeting card last year, and I end up sending you one in January. It was a fun to see what happened last year while selecting pictures capturing our memorable days.

Miyae and Chiaki, master's student presented papers at the Care for FTD in Asia & FTLN research network in Asia, January 17-18, 2015. Our esteemed professor Ikeda hosted the conference.



In July, I was invited to attend the Southeast and East Asia Nursing Education and Research Network conference in Chiang Mai, Thailand. I knew a little about Mutual Recognition Agreement on nursing professionals among ASEAN countries. It was a good opportunity to nursing representative from ACEAN countries. The beautiful picture was with all the delegates and dancers from Chiang Mai. I was surprised at the number of Chinese nursing faculty who had advanced degree from Chiang Mai University. It almost like an alumni reunion! It was impressive.



2015.06.28 Driving

In February, I attended the 18th East Asian Forum of Nursing Scholars held in Taipei, Taiwan between Feb. 5th and 6th. *With my former doctoral student, Kimie and her students at the National Taiwan University*



February was a busy month. On Feb. 18th, after oral presentation of master's thesis, students and faculty celebrated their accomplishment.



With Dean Wipada and faculty and alumni of School of Nursing, Chiang Mai University



On the following day, my 12th doctoral student completed her PhD program. After dissertation defense, we celebrated her accomplishment.

Miyae was invited to talk at the International congress of 17th Zeelandia Symposium on Behavioral Neuroscience, the place Tainan, June 27-28, 2016.



In August, we offered one-month summer program of long-term care in Japan to 9 students from Taipei Medical University (TMU), Taiwan. Our students and TMU students had a great time spending time together. Our students are looking forward to visiting Taipei this coming March to be reunited with them.



We did a site visit to a nursing home for government employees as a part of international collaborative study. This huge home is very well run and is impressive!



At a barbeque party with TMU students



One day trip to Phoenix, an old city developed by the river. We missed a bullet train and took a night train. Simple meals on the train restaurant was unforgettably delicious.

Aug. 31st to Sept. 4th, I attended JBI Methodology Symposium and directors' meeting in Adelaide, Australia. After Alan Pierson's retirement, many changes are taking place. Can we keep up with their pace?

The 10th International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics was held in Chiang Mai, Thailand between October 19th and Oct. 23rd. Two master's students presented posters, and Miyae and I did oral presentation. We also visited two nursing homes.



Serious looking directors from all over the world discussing the future direction of the JBI



With my friend of 30 years, Josie, who happens to live in Adelaide, I get a chance to see her every two years.



At the Gala dinner, we happened to sit together with Miyae's acquaintance from Taiwan..

My former student from Guangzhou, China, Catherine, invited me and Miyae to speak at the international conference on September 10th.

In late November, I was invited to give lectures at Taiwan again.



With speakers from Japan and the Netherland. International Conference of Health Promotion and Smoking Prevention

I hope you have wonderful holidays.
**From Kiyoko Makimoto,
 Miyae Yamakawa**

