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～Transcend linguistic bind, Have a light in our mind～

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- Japan Aphasia Peer Circles (JAPC) is certified as an incorporated non-profit organization.
- 20 commissioners, 2 executives and 25 councilors settle the action policy of the organization.
- The congress and the administrative board resolve what is needed, and according to the resolution, Japan Aphasia Peer Circles craft a request/petition. The Circle puts forward the papers with opinion of concerned professionals to Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Cabinet Office and other government offices.
- JAPC backs up aphasia peer circles from all around the nation, dividing it into 11 blocks. Councilors superintend each block and report the actual condition of each circle.
- Finance for activities, direction and project of our group is funded by membership fee, start-up fee, supporting member's fee, donation funds and aid fund organs concerned.
- Names of the blocks and peer circles around the country are mentioned at the last page of this leaflet.

## Purpose

Japan Aphasia Peer Circles is composed of speech-disabled groups (mainly people with aphasia or paralytic dysarthria) and groups and individuals that back up the organization. This organization do projects and activities that are needed to improve public welfare, medical treatment and health services for speech-disabled people and help those people to improve speech ability and rehabilitation into society. Also, we do activities to step up their quality of life and participation into society and contribute to enhancement and improvement of social welfare.

## Categories of projects

- (1) Action to improve public welfare, medical, health care for people with aphasia
- (2) Action about holding meetings of people with language disorders such as aphasia and developing speech medical care
- (3) Investigation and research about people with language disorders such as aphasia
- (4) Consulting for people with language disorders such as aphasia and their families
- (5) Publication of public journal including information of each peer circles and report of the activities Japan Aphasia Peer Circles does
- (6) Other activities

## Current activities

- (1) Holding Nation-wide convention (planned as once a year)
  - (2) Publication of organ paper (5 times a year)
  - (3) Consultation about language, group language training meeting, running of conversation rooms
  - (4) Survey for rehabilitation facilities for aphasia and survey and research about rehabilitation for aphasia
  - (5) Seminar on aphasia, lecture meeting, symposium and other meetings
  - (6) Other activities, enlightenment and petition to improve welfare environment around people with aphasia
- \* The center of transacting affairs of the office is people with aphasia and their families with speech therapists as advisers.

## Nation-wide convention

1983	1st	Itabashi (Tokyo)
1984	2nd	Itabashi (Tokyo)
1985	3rd	Itabashi (Tokyo)
1986	4th	Matsuyama (Ehime)
1987	5th	Shinjuku (Tokyo)
1988	6th	Kanazawa (Ishikawa)
1989	7th	Osaka(Osaka)
1990	8th	Hiroshima(Hiroshima)
1991	9th	Shinjuku (Tokyo)
1992	10th	Tsuruoka (Yamagata)

1993	11th	Gifu(Gifu)
1994	12th	Nagano(Nagano)
1995	13th	Omiya (Saitama)
1996	14th	Sapporo (Hokkaido)
1997	15th	Shinjuku (Tokyo)
1998	16th	Fukuoka(Fukuoka)
1999	17th	Chiba(Chiba)
2000	18th	Yokohama (Kanagawa)
2001	19th	Niigata(Niigata)
2002	20th	Shinjuku (Tokyo)

2003	21st	Takamatsu · Tokushima (Kagawa · Tokushima)
2004	22nd	Nagoya (Aichi)
2005	23rd	Naha (Okinawa)
2006	24th	Mito (Ibaraki)
2007	Study Exchange Event(Hamamatsu)	
2008	26th	Mie (Mie)
2009	27th	Fukui (Fukui)
2010	Passed up	
2011	Symposium	
2012	Symposium	
2013	28th	Nagano (Nagano)
2014	29th	Tama (Tokyo) (Planned)

# History

1983	First nation-wide convention in Tokyo
Jul. 1984	Japan Aphasia Peer Circles was established
Feb. 1985	<i>Kotoba no Umi</i> (booklet ver.) was first published
Nov. 1989	<i>Handbook about Aphasia 1989</i> was published
1992	Started ST dispatching undertaking with Fund of long life, child-raising and people with disabilities
Jan. 1994	<i>Handbook about Aphasia 1994</i> was published
Sep. 1999	Homologated as a non-profit organization
Jan. 2001	Published <i>Handbook about Aphasia 2001</i>
2004	Demised ST dispatching undertaking because of the amendment of Long-Term Care Insurance Act
Apr. 2007~ Mar. 2008	Operated Research and Study project about Rehabilitation and Participation into Society with aid of IAA Welfare And Medical Service Agency
Apr. 2008~ Mar. 2009	Operated Second Research that is the same as above
Jun. 2009~ Mar. 2010	Held practical courses with the same aid as above (at 5 sites in Kanto district)
Jun. 2011	Held a symposium “Consideration About the Way of Helping People with Aphasia When a Disaster Occurs”
Jan. 2012~ Mar.2012	Questionnaire investigation about the difficulty of living a life for people with aphasia and their families
Jun. 2012	Held a symposium “How can we carry our thoughts?”
Sep. 2012~ Nov. 2012	Aphasia Workshop to assist people in disaster afflicted area aided by Mitsubishi Corporation Public Interest Incorporated Foundation (in Ofunato in Sep., in Kesennuma in Oct. and in Ichinoseki and Iwaki in Nov.)
Feb. 2013	Published <i>A Guidebook for Evacuation for People with Aphasia When a Disaster Occurs</i> , pocket-sized book for survival in a disaster area and a card for sending out an SOS and distributed them aided by Astellas Pharma Inc. Foundation
Apr. 2013	Organized a report about the difficulty of living a life for people with aphasia and distributed them aided by Japanese Physical therapy Association Public Interest Incorporated Foundation



Jun. 2011 Symposium



Jun. 2012 Symposium



Jun. 2013 28<sup>th</sup> Nation-wide Convention in Nagano



Aphasia Workshop in Ofunato



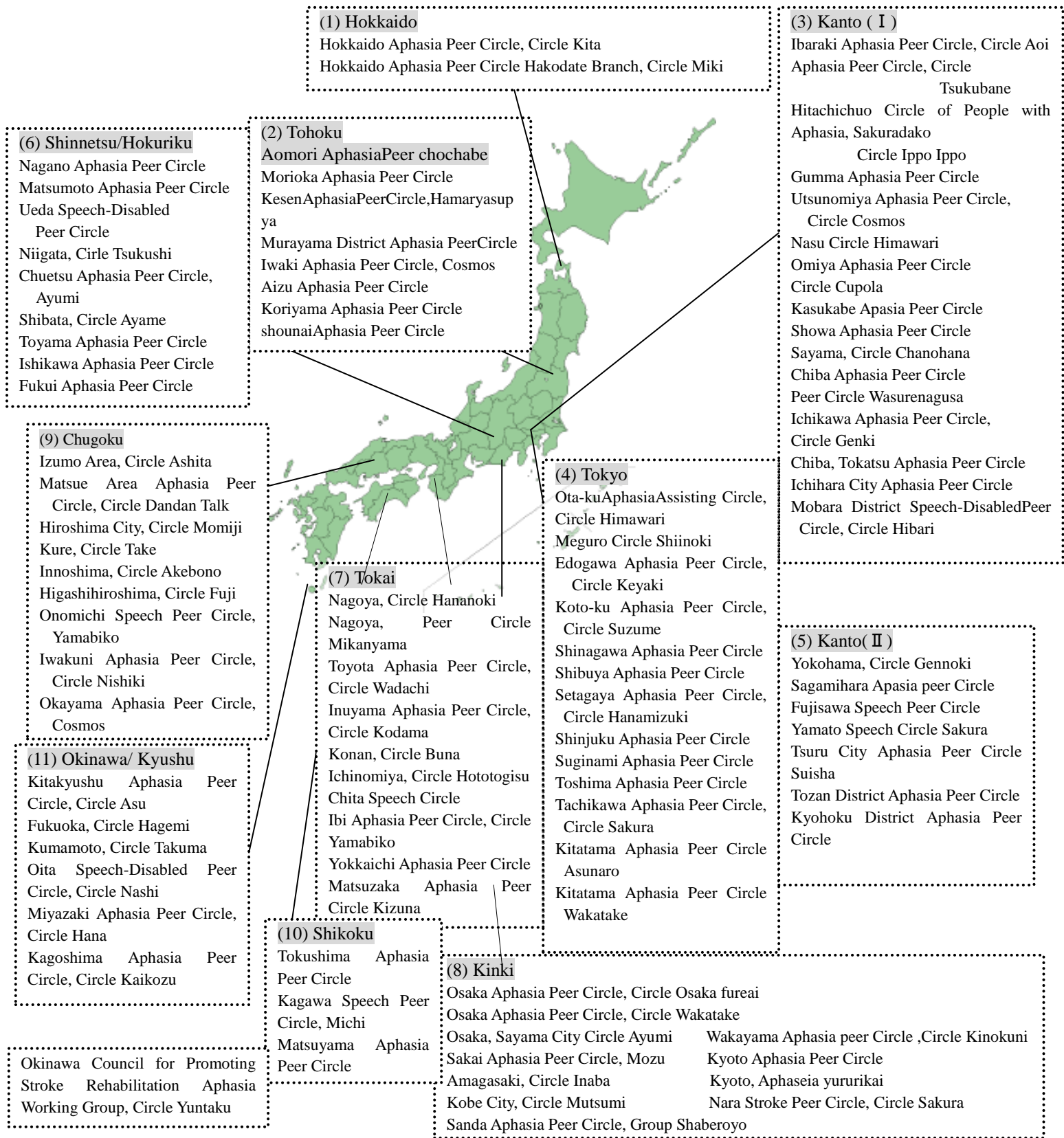
Aphasia Workshop in Kesennuma



Aphasia Workshop in Iwaki

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## Distribution of circles around the country



Group full member: the start-up fee is ¥2,000, and the annual fee is ¥500 per capita. Personal full member: the start-up fee is ¥2,000, and the annual fee is ¥3,000. Personal supporting members pay ¥1,000 a unit. Company supporting members pay ¥5,000 a unit. Please draw on postal transfer.

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