

Community Visit on Atsugi City, Kanagawa Prefecture

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1. Purpose of Community Visit

JICA trainee should understand how people with severe disabilities make their own life through observation and interview with Ms. A and Mr. & Mrs. B.

2. The Population of Atsugi City

Population:	222,826 (2006)
Elderly people (over 65):	29,879 (13.41%)

Registered **disabled people** in Atsugi City

People with physical impairment:	2,757
People with visual impairment:	380
People with audio-speech impairment:	415
People with other impairment:	1,197
People with intellectual disabilities:	842
People with mental disorder:	428

3. Timetable of Community Visit

(estimated time)

10:00	Arriving at Ms. A's home
11:30	Lunch at Coffee shop "Donguri (acorn)" employed persons with intellectual disability, Atsugi Welfare Centre
13:00	Mr. & Mrs. B's home
14:30	Leaving Atsugi City

4. Contents of Community Visit

10:00～

(1) **Mrs. A**

House type : public house

(provided by Atsugi City (local authority))

Mrs. A's impairment: quadriplegia (spinal cord injury, caused by medical accident)

She has a husband (non disabled person) and a daughter (college student).

<Discussion>

JICA trainees should:

- (a) Compare the national policy of community care to the reality of local situation.
(Trainee have got a lecture on Japanese Welfare Systems)
- (b) Understand what has happened surrounding people with disabilities in local community.
- (c) Understand the role of National government and Local government concerning social services for people with disabilities.

12:00～

Lunch at coffee shop “Donguri (acorn)” that **disabled people(→ personse with disabilities)** are working, Atsugi Welfare Centre

13:30～

(2) **Mr. & Mrs. B**

House type: detached house

Mr. B : spinal cord injury (quadriplegia)

Manager of the regional workshop

Mrs. B : cerebral palsy (quadriplegia), housewife

<Discussion>

JICA trainees should:

- (a) Understand the effectiveness of environment of their house for independent living of people with physical disabilities.
- (b) Understand what is their quality of life.