

The prospectus of JASMiNe (JAPAN Surgical Mission in Da Nang Network)

To further the friendship between Japan and Vietnam, JASMiNe organizes a volunteer surgery mission in Da Nang Hospital, Vietnam, and tries to contribute to the global community. The JASMiNe secretariat was originally based in the Department of Plastic Surgery at Saga University Hospital. In April 2026, the secretariat was transferred to the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Hamamatsu University School of Medicine, where its activities continue to expand.

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Points that JASMiNe wants prospective participants to consider:

1. JASMiNe welcomes any type of job or skill a participant can offer as long as he/she approves of the mission's objectives.
2. There is no limitation as to the duration for which a participant can contribute to the mission.
3. Operating surgeons and assistants are decided on, after due deliberation, in the evening before the surgery.
4. Operators are to write down schemes for surgery as well as the patient's personal data including name, sex, age, diagnosis and part(s) operated on. Having given their own signatures and the date, the operators then upload the information together with the operation photos in the cloud service of JASMiNe (DaNang20??).
5. When there is difficulty uploading the information in the cloud service while in Vietnam, the operators are to send it to the Secretariat once back in Japan.
6. Only doctors willing to comply with the contents of 4 and 5 above can be operators.

Additional details:

1. In principle, the mission is organized once a year lasting for two one-week halves. Attending doctors can join the mission at any time during the halves. A responsible doctor is assigned for each one-week half.
2. The responsible doctor must select the patients and determine the operation methods beforehand on the basis of the patient data provided by Da Nang Hospital via Google drive. The doctor should arrange, if at all possible, a free tissue transfer operation case for the first half of the mission.
3. All patients must be examined in the morning of the first day of the mission and the

overall operation schedule is finalized at the moment.

4. Monetary or equipment donations are welcome as long as the donor company agrees to the JASMiNe principle.
5. Participation is purely on a voluntary basis on the part of attending doctors: all travel and stay costs between Japan and Vietnam must be borne by the participant.
6. The board of JASMiNe governors is as follows:

Advisor: Dr. Michiaki Hiramoto, former chief plastic surgeon, Osaka Prefectural Saiseikai Nakatsu Hospital

Managing organizer: Dr. Masahiro Nakagawa, Hamamatsu University School of Medicine

Vice-managing organizer: Dr. Masato Kurokawa, Kumamoto Red Cross Hospital and Dr. Tetsuji Uemura, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, Junshin Gakuen University

Organizer: Gan Muneuchi, Osaka Prefectural Saiseikai Nakatsu Hospital

Inspector: Dr. Yuichi Suzuki, National Hospital Organization Saga Hospital