

# The official meeting between Myanmar and Japan was held on 20 October 2021

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The official meeting between Myanmar and Japan took place via zoom for the first time in this fiscal year.

March 2018, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar University of Nursing, Mandalay (UoNM) and Japan St. Luke's International University (SLIU) concluded an academic exchange agreement. Since then, we have collaborated to focus on improvement and enhancement of the content of nursing/midwifery education through the people-to-people exchange, research collaboration and holding seminars.

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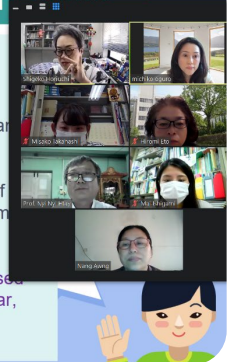
After catching up on each other's lives, Dr. Horiuchi explained the new project funded by JSPS core to core program over three years from 2021 to 2024 and discussed our plans for the following fiscal year.

To Improvement of Human resources for Maternal Health (Tanzania) (2011-2014)

To development of educational model to reduce maternal and child mortality (Tanzania & Indonesia) (2015-2018)

To development of human resources for improve quality of for mother and child (Tanzania, Indonesia Laos and Myanmar) (2018-2021)

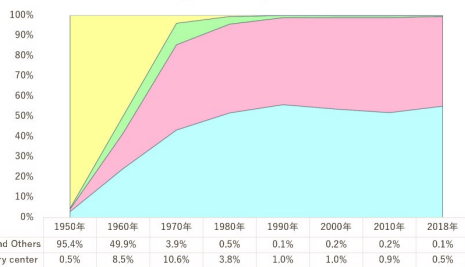
To construct of research network for global approach focused on the medical safety (Tanzania, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Philippine) (2021-2024)



We also shared the progress of our pre-publication papers and rejoiced in the publication of an article, Professional learning using storytelling videos of childbirth experiences: A qualitative pilot study of student midwives' perceptions in Myanmar in Jpn J Nurs Sci.

### Changes in Place of Birth

Percentage of Birthplace



Next, we introduced the video about maternity care by Japanese midwives who work at a maternity home. It is titled, "Women-Centered Care in Midwifery Center Birth Aoba which was created by Master students at Nagasaki university.

Ms. Mai Ishigami and Ms. Misako Takahashi (Second-year master's student of Midwifery Training Course) had a presentation and answered questions from faculty members at UoNM. In Myanmar, it is unusual for family members including the father to be present at the birth. In addition, midwives across Myanmar are one of the basic health staff within the government health system providing maternal and child health care at the community level. We discussed the commonality and diversity of the birth environment and the role of healthcare providers.

In Myanmar, where the army seized power in February. Rising conflict and insecurity, along with the pandemic, almost schools including universities are unable to resume normal operations. However in UoNM, classes for master students have been resumed. Online lecture for master students at UoNM by Japanese faculties have been planned in near future.