

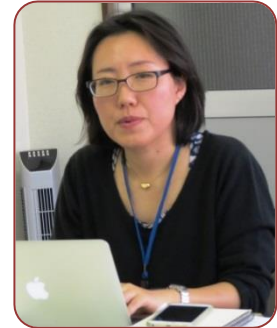
Why foreigners don't want to go to hospitals?

“It is difficult to communicate with doctors”

Report of meeting
with foreigners



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Doctor	“Does it hurt?”
Nepalese	“Yes”
Doctor	“Does it hurt a little?”
Nepalese	“Yes”
Doctor	“Does it hurt much?”
Nepalese	“Yes”
Doctor	“Doesn't hurt at all?”
Nepalese	“Yes”

Communication shown above is the real case when a Nepalese went to a hospital. As he didn't understand Japanese at all, all he could say when he went to a hospital was “yes”. Foreigners who don't understand Japanese may have such experience at least once.

When you feel bad, you feel at ease when you go to a hospital. But there are many foreigners who feel anxious to go to a hospital

than the disease.

I participated in the meeting of “Collaboration program of towns and Juntendo University” in last October

This program is to improve the situation that there are many foreigners who cannot go to a hospital due to various reasons and get worse while keep enduring. It is very thankful for me as a foreigner living in Japan and also as a staff of FICEC. I thought if I could do anything to help such program.

After this meeting, we held a tea party to talk about “Why foreigners don't want to go to hospital?” at 2nd floor of FICEC in last November. 5 Taiwanese, 3 Chinese, 3 Koreans, 2 Thai, and 4 Japanese guests participated in the tea party.

Some talked that though she could talk good Japanese usually, she got a panic when her child had an accident and could not talk even simple Japanese. Other person talked that though the symptoms were just disordered digestion and could be cured only having medicine, she got endoscopy inspection, because they could not understand well each other and felt uneasy. I think it is very important and necessary to have interpretation system to use easily at least in general hospitals.

Interpretation system may decrease uneasy feeling of both doctors who see patients who cannot speak Japanese well and the patients. Also you should not only rely on the system of hospitals in Japan. It is important to learn Japanese so that you can call an ambulance in case of emergency.

To live in Japan and to protect health of yourself and your family, it is important to join a health insurance system, to have a checkup every year, and to learn Japanese language.

I hope that the result of this tea party may lead safety living of foreigners to be able to go hospital without uneasy feeling and to be of any help of the research in the university.

(Writer: An Unju)

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