THE BUDAPEST DECLARATION OF ISSOP 2017
- efforts to increase awareness in Japan

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The Budapest Declaration – ISSOP 2017

- “Children on the Move: Rights, Health and Wellbeing”
- Paediatricians and child health professionals should
  - promote the rights, health and well-being of refugee children
  - put it into action
- Endorsed by 21 organisations across the world
- Out of which 3 in Japan – share my experiences........
## Japan – a very restrictive asylum policy
### a comparison with Sweden

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<th>Asylum process</th>
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<td>≈ 10 million people</td>
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<td>Applications (n)</td>
<td>111,979 / 66,301</td>
<td>10,901 / 19,628</td>
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<td>Granted asylum (n)</td>
<td>67,258 / 27,205</td>
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<td>Percentage Granted</td>
<td>60% / 41%</td>
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Source: Governments of Sweden and Japan
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The Rights, Health and Well-Being of Children and Youth on the Move

Paediatricians and child health professionals should be aware of unprecedented global movements of children and youth within and outside of their countries due to armed conflicts, other forms of violence, poverty and natural disasters.
“Children on the move” includes displacement internally

- Evacuees internally in Japan due to typhoons, heavy rains and other natural disasters, e.g. the Great East Japan Earthquake and related Fukushima Nuclear Disaster.

- Domestic violence victims, i.e. mothers and their children
Japanese Medical Societies

How can the Budapest Declaration be endorsed?

Japan Society for Social Medicine
500 members
I AM A COUNCIL MEMBER

Japan Pediatric Society
22,000 members
I WAS A REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Society of Ambulatory and General Pediatrics of Japan
2,400 members
I WAS A BOARD MEMBER
Endorsement of the Declaration in Japan

- **Japanese Society for Social Medicine (JSSM) - January 21st, 2018**
- **Society of Ambulatory and General Pediatrics of Japan (SAGPJ) - May 13th, 2018**
- **Japan Pediatric Society (JPS) - July 22nd, 2018**
Conclusion

- Solving the issue of refugee children is urgent and requires both global and country-level action, where I have given Japan as an example.

- Connecting to country-specific urgent issues can be a way forward, and in Japan the comparison with child survivors after the Great East Japan Earthquake was used.
ONE OF MILLIONS

A journey of exile from Darfur

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Thank you very much ❤️