## **GLOBAL APPEAL 2012**

There are many myths and misconceptions about leprosy. As members of the medical profession, we have the first responsibility to set the record straight.

Leprosy is a mildly infectious disease. It is not spread by casual contact. It is curable with multidrug therapy that kills the bacteria and stops the disease from spreading. Early diagnosis and prompt treatment help prevent the onset of disability and deformity associated with leprosy. There are no medical grounds for isolating a person with the disease.

Yet people with leprosy continue to face social discrimination, even after they are cured. Whole families are marginalized, sometimes with devastating results.

Drugs can cure leprosy, but only greater public awareness can end the stigma it attracts.

Without the social stigma, more people would come forward for treatment. New cases would be detected sooner and be less likely to result in disability. The burden of leprosy in the world would be reduced.

We affirm the right of people affected by leprosy to receive treatment at any hospital. We call for an end to discrimination against them and their families. We support their right to live in dignity as full members of the community with equal access to opportunities and enjoying all their human rights.

## 日本語訳:

グローバル・アピール 2012 ~ハンセン病に対するスティグマ(社会的烙印)と差別をなくすために~

ハンセン病に関する迷信や誤解は数多く存在します。医療専門家として、私たちには、まずもって、 このような誤った認識を正す責任があると考えます。

ハンセン病は感染力の弱い病気です。日常的な接触によって感染することはありません。病原菌を殺し、他の人への感染を防ぐことができる多剤併用療法によって、病気は完全に治ります。

早期の診断と適切な治療がなされれば、ハンセン病に伴って起こる障害は防ぐことができます。したがって、この病気にかかった人を隔離する医学的根拠は存在しません。

しかし、ハンセン病にかかった人々は、病気が治った後にも、社会的差別を受け続けています。家族の全員が疎外され、悲惨な結果に至る場合もあります。

薬は病気を治せます。しかし、それに付随するスティグマ(社会的烙印)をなくすためには、幅広く 社会的な意識を高めることが不可欠です。

スティグマがなければ、さらに多くの人々が積極的に治療を受けにくるでしょう。新たな患者もより 早期に発見され、結果的に障害が残る症例も減ります。世界中でハンセン病の問題を軽減することがで きるのです。

私たち(医療専門家)は、ハンセン病患者・回復者がどの病院においても治療を受ける権利を有することを支持します。

私たちは、ハンセン病患者・回復者、そしてその家族に対する差別を撤廃することをここに宣言します。

私たちは、ハンセン病患者・回復者が、地域社会の一員として、すべての人と同等の機会と人権を享受し、尊厳ある人生を送る権利を擁護します。

## グローバルアピール 2012 賛同者(全 51名) 2012 年 1 月 31 日現在

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27	Dr. Prijo Sidipratomo	President	Indonesian Medical Association
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