Dr. Anne J. Davis' Contributions

Since her participation in the International Conference on Nursing in Japan in 1977, Dr. Davis has introduced practical ideas about psychiatric nursing and nursing ethics to Japan’s nursing field. Dr. Davis greatly influenced nursing in Japan by bringing topics to the forefront that had previously been little-discussed in Japan, including ethical issues facing nurses in clinical situations, informing patients of their diagnosis, and human rights of patients and medical practitioners.

As a professor at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), Dr. Davis greatly contributed to the field in Japan by nurturing future nursing leaders in the days when no such courses were available in Japan. Her past students include three consecutive Chairpersons of the Japanese Nursing Association, including the current head, Dr. Setsuko Hisatsune. Dr. Yuko Minami, former Chairperson of the Association, studied directly under Dr. Davis at UCSF for her successful Ph.D. dissertation.

Dr. Davis also had a great impact across Japan through her lectures and publications on nursing during her time at the Nagano College of Nursing as a professor from April 1995 to March 2001 and as a part-time lecturer from September 2002 to September 2003.

Even after returning to the United States, Dr. Davis has continued to influence the field of nursing in Japan through occasional visits and lectures. She has also been committed to bringing graduate students from the Nagano College of Nursing to San Francisco, where they study nursing with her support.