Connecting ABA　World Autism Summit Schedule and Conference Program

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CEU Types: Trauma-Informed(TI) Autism(AU) Ethics(ET) CulturalCompetence(CC)Supervison(SV)

**August 30** (Saturday) 12:00 PM - 5:30 PM: Pre-Summit Symposium in Yokohama.

　　　　　Symposium “The Past, Present, and Future of Autism Support connecting the Asia Pacific Region,” by Bobby Newman, Lori Unumb, and leaders from Asian countries, in Yokohama, Japan. Moderator: Tomoko Imamura (Japan Association for Inclusive Education, IBAO) Symposia: Kana Jitsuhara (Vietnam, Japan) and Geetika Agarwal (India, online), Marie Galay (Philippines), Makiko Asama (ABA SPEAKS), and others.

　　　　Organized by Tsunageru ABA World Autism Summit Executive Committee, co-sponsored by Japan Association for Inclusive Education, IBAO, Asia-Pacific ABA Network, NPO Asia-Pacific ABA Consortium, ABA SPEAKS

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**September 4** (Thursday) 6:30 PM-8:30 PM: Keynote Speech by William L. Heward (Professor Emeritus, The Ohio State University), “ABA from A-to-Z: Behavior Science Applied to 350 Domains of Socially Significant Behavior,” 2 hours 2 Continuing Education Units (BACB, IBAO, QABA) Venue: Future University Hakodate with zoom simultaneous translation AND an interpreter

**September 5** (Friday) 8:00am-6:00pm First day of the conference Workshop Venue: Hakodate International Hotel Registration 7:30am- Friday Workshop; Venue 2 Rooms, Aoyagi-no-Ma Suehiro-no-Ma with Zoom Simultaneous Translation with Captions; Interpreters available in both rooms at all times. Exhibition Room ③ Hakuhou-no-Ma. Free space for poster exhibitions; exhibition space for companies and organizations, consultation space, etc. 8:00~18:00

 Seminar room *Aoyagi-no-Ma* (No tables, chairs only, 200-person capacity)

1. 8:00~12:00 Bridge Way (formerly Utah Behavioral Services) Team presentation, “Bridging the Treatment Gap: How Integrated Teams Create Whole-Person, Family-Centered Care,” 4 hours 4 Continuing Education Units (BACB, IBAOAU, QABA) with translated captions and interpretation.

12:00-12:50 Break

2. 12:50~14:40 Panel Discussion “Individualism and Collectivism: Service Delivery and Cultural Compatibility of Asian-style ABA.” 110 minutes 2 Continuing Education Units (BACBET,IBAOCC, QABA, ET). Moderator: Sakurako Tanaka (Asia Pacific ABA Network), Panelists: Marie Galay (Thrive Behavioral Care), Belle Stikeleather (Behavioral Teaching Solutions), Geetika Agarwal (Ball State University). With translated captions.

Break 10 minutes

3. 14:50~15:50 “QABA International Certification Programs for Professionals working with Children and Adults with ASD.” Presenters: Claire Norris, the President of QABA (Qualified Applied Behavior Analysis Credentialing Board), and the Executive Director, Karen Dubon. 1 hour 1 Continuing Education Unit (QABA). With translated captions.

Break 10 min.

4. 16:00~17:00 “Comparison of Elementary and Advanced Verbal Operants,” Presenter: Daniel M. Yang, ABA Korea Academy. 1 hour 1 Continuous Education Unit (BACB, IBAO, QABA). With translated captions.

Break 10 min.

５.17:10~18:10 “Introducing the International Behavior Analysis: Global Standards, Local Impact,” Presenters: IBAO Ajamu Nkosi, Tomoko Imamura (International Behavior Analysis Organization). 1 hour 1 Continuing Education Units (IBAOAU). With translated captions.

 Seminar Room *Suehiro-no-Ma* (no tables, chairs only, 200 people capacity)

1. 8:00~10:50 Forum on “Public Funding and Implementation of Global Standards in the Philippines, including a report on the activities of CSN Paranaque Municipal Developmental ABA Center.” Presenters: Philippine representatives from CSN and others (Director, Alderman, Supervisor) 2 hours 50 minutes 3 Continuing Education Credits (BACBET, IBAOET, QABACC) with Translated caption and interpreter.

10-minute break

1. 11:00~12:00 Dr. Geetika Agarwal (India) “Supervision and Technology in India”1 hour 1 Continuing Education Unit (BACBET, IBAOET, QABACC) with translated caption.12:00-12:50 Break

3. 12:50~13:50 “From Assessment to Support: An ABA Approach to Reducing Severe Problem Behavior,” Ajamu Nkosi (IBAO), Tomoko Imamura (Inclusive Education Association, IBAO) 1 hour 1 continuing Education Unit (IBAOET) with translated captions.

 Break 10 minutes

4. 14:00 -15:00 “Using multimedia in teaching a science of behavior,” Michael Keenan (Professor, University of Ulster, Ireland) 1 hour 1 Continuing Education Unit (BACB, IBAO, QABA). With translated captions, and some interpretation.

10-minute break

5. 15:10~16:00 IBAO (International Behavior Analysis Organization) presentation, “Beyond Certification: How IBAO Microcredentials Advance ABA Practice.” Ajamu Nkosi. 50 minutes 1 Continuing Education Unit (IBAO). With translated captions.

10-minute break

6. 16:10~17:00 Presenter Karola Dillenburger (President, European Association for Behavior Analysis), “Global Standards and National Standards- EABA’s history,” 50 minutes 1 Continuing Education Unit (BACB, IBAO, QABA). With translated captions.

10 minutes break

7. 17:10~18:00 TBU “The TBU Approach” by Noor Milbis (QABA). 50 minutes 1 Continuing Education Unit (QABA). With translated captions.

\*\*\* *Houou-no-Ma* Charity dinner/cultural event (standing buffet party) 19:00~ at International Hotel

\*\*\*15:30-17:00 Willam Heward, Jill Dardig, Sakurako Tanaka, and Akashi Shoten rep to do a short talk and

signing @ Tsutaya Bookstore in Hakodate

**September 6** (Sat.) Second day of the convention Venue 2 Rooms, *Takasago-no-Ma*  *Houou-no-Ma* with Zoom Simultaneous Translation with Captions; Interpreters available in both rooms always. Exhibition Room ③ *Hakuhou-no-Ma.* Free space for poster exhibitions; exhibition space for companies and organizations, consultation space, etc. 8:00~18:00

Room *Takasago-no-Ma*, *(*with chairs and tables, capacity for 200 people) Symposium-centered programs

on Japan and Asian Initiatives

1. 8:00~9:20 “AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) support using Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS®)” Presentation by Shinichiro Kado (PECS Japan Adviser) with Andy Bondy. 80 minutes 1. 5 Continuing Education Units (BACB, IBAO, QABA) translated captions.

Break 10 minutes

1. 9:30~11:10 Symposium “Pediatric Behavioral Medicine” Chair: Daisuke Nishio (Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare), Topic Presenter: Kayako Ozawa (Ozawa Pediatric Clinic), Commentator: Mieko Hirose (Department of Pediatrics, Hakodate Central Hospital), Tessa Taylor (Pediatric Feeding International). 100 minutes, 2 Continuing Education Units (BACB, IBAO, QABA). With translated captions.

Break 10 minutes

1. 11:20~12:10 “Behavior Analysis of Social Play -a Primer” Speaker: Sho Araiba (Lecturer, University of Hawaii). 50 minutes 1 Continuous Learning Unit (BACB, IBAO, QABA). With translated captions.

Break 12:10~13:00

4. 13:00~14:40 Panel Discussion “TEACCH and ABA in Japan.” Moderator: Tomohiro Katayama (Yuai-kai Center Director), Topic Presenter: Tomoko Haramaki (Minds and Hopes, TEACCH) Panelists: Ryuichiro Iwanaga (Nagasaki University), Yusuke Okada (Director of Eastern Shizuoka Developmental Disabilities Support Center), Daisuke Nishio (Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare), QABA Representative, 100 minutes 2 Continuing Education Units (BACB, IBAO, QABA) With translated caption.

Break 10 minutes

5. 14:50~16:10 Symposium “The Importance of Supervision and Mentoring in ABA Professional Development.” Chair: (TBD), Symposiasts: Yoko Nagao (Spectrum Project, Asia Pacific ABA Network), Megumi Nontani (Asia Pacific ABA Network), Tomoko Imamura (Inclusive Education Association of Japan, IBAO). 80 minutes 1.5 Continuous Learning Units (BACB SV, IBAO SV, QABA SV,) With translated caption.

Break 10 minutes

6. 16:20~18:00 Panel Discussion “Invisible Wounds: Addressing Trauma in Autistic Adults in Japanese Support Facilities: the Impact of Social Invisibility and Institutional Neglect” Chair: Marie Galay (Thrive Behavioral Care), Topic provider: Sakurako Tanaka (Asia-Pacific ABA Network), Panelists: Makiko Asama (ABA SPEAKS), Bobby Newman (Proud Moments), Molly Ola Pinay (Global Autism Project). 100 minutes, 2 Continuing Education Units (BACB ET, IBAO ET,, QABA ET,) with translated captions, some interpretation.

 Room *Houou-no-Ma (*with chairs and tables, capacity for 200 people) Panel Discussions and Lectures

1. 8:00~9:40 Panel Discussion “Skinner, Catania and Chomsky: Dialogue between Behavior Analysis and Linguistics” Chair: Sakurako Tanaka (Asia Pacific ABA Network), Symposiasts: Charles Catania (Professor Emeritus, University of Maryland, Zoom participant), Greg Stikeleather (Behavioral Teaching Solutions) Sho Araiba (University of Hawaii), and others. 100 minutes 2 Continuing Education Units (BACB, IBAO, QABA). With translator and captions.

10 minute break

2. 9:50~11:50 Bridge Way (formerly Utah Behavior Services) Team Lecture, “Seeing the Whole Story: A Trauma-Informed Approach to Behavior Support,” 120 minutes, 2 Continuing Education Units (BACB, IBAO, QABA TI). With translated captions.

Break 11:50~12:50

3. 12:50~13:40 “Applied Behavior Analysis and Neurorehabilitation” Presentation by Christina Peters (University of Utah) 50 minutes 1 Continuous Learning Unit (BACB, IBAO, QABA). With translated captions.

Break 10 minutes

4. 13:50~14:40 “Global Autism Project” Presentation by Molly Ola Pinney (CEO, UN CSO Global Autism Project). 50 minutes 1 Continuing Education Unit (BACB, IBAO, QABA). With translated captions.

Break 10 minutes

5. 14:50~15:40 Karola Dillenberger (Professor Emeritus, Queen's University, UK, President, European Association for Behavior Analysis) presentation, “Parents as Therapists.,” 50 minutes,1 Continuing Education Unit (BACB, IBAO, QABA). Translated captions.

10 minutes break

6. 15:50~16:40 Workshop “Shaping Games.” Presenter: Michael Keenan (University of Ulster, Ireland)

50 minutes, 1 Continuing Education Unit (BACB, IBAO, QABA.) With translated captions.

Break 10 minutes

7. 16:50~17:50 “Mealtime Skills Independence: From Pouch-to-Spoon Fadig to Using Chopsticks,” and Teaching adaptive skills in multiple contexts to decrease pica and increase beach and protection safety in Australia.” Presentation by Tessa Taylor (Johns Hopkins University, PFI) 1 hour, 1 Continuing Education Unit (BACB, IBAO, QABA). With translated captions.

September 7 (Sun.) Day 3 of the Conference 8:00~18:30 One room in the main hall *Tenpyou-no-Ma* (with table and chairs, accommodating over 400 people). Facilitators: Megumi Nontani and Yoko Nagao.

1. 8:15~9:35 “Contracting with Kids: A Positive Way to Teach New Skills and Improve Family Dynamics,” Presentation by Jill C. Dardig (Professor Emeritus, Ohio Dominican University) and William L. Heward (Professor Emeritus, The Ohio State University, Former President of the International Association for Behavior Analysis), 80 minutes, 1.5 Continuing Education Units (BACB, IBAO, QABA). With translated captions, interpreter.

10 minute break

2. 9:45~10:35 “Behavioral Cusps and Emerging Technologies: Creating Conditions to Expand Learning,” presentation by Janet Twyman (President, BLAST; Professor, University of Massachusetts Medical School)

50 minutes, 1 Continuing Education Unit (BACB, IBAO, QABA) With translated captions.

Break 10 minutes

3.10:45~11:35 “Osteoarthritis and total-knee replacements: Is there a role for behavior analysis?” Presentation by Manish Baidya (Institute for Behavior Science and Technology in Rehabilitation, LLC), 50 minutes, 1 Continuous Learning Unit (BACB, IBAO, QABA). With translated captions.

Lunch 11:35~12:20 minutes

4. 12:20~12:40 Greetings and reading of congratulatory telegram

5. 12:40~14:40 Symposium “Integrated Community Medicine and ABA: Nursing Science, Gerontology, Rehabilitation and Telehealth.” Chair and Topic Presenter: Sakurako Tanaka, Symposium Presenter: Tomoko Imamura (Inclusive Education Association of Japan, IBAO), Ryuichiro Iwanaga (Nagasaki University School of Medicine), Jun Mukouyama (Member of Parliament), Commentator: Daisuke Nishio (Ministry of Health and Welfare). 120 minutes, 2 Continuing Education Units (BACB, IBAO, QABA). With translated captions, some interpretation.

10-minute break

6. 14:50~15:50 Bobby Newman (NYU, Proud Moments) on the Japanese Publication of "First Responders and People Diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum: What Each Needs to Know About the Others," 1 hour 1 Continuing Education Unit (BACBET, IBAO AU, QABAET). With translated captions.

10 minute break

7. 16:00~17:50 Keynote: Lorri S. Unumb (President of Council for Autism Service Provider, Former Vice President of Autism Speaks, Attorney at Law, Parent of two youths with ASD), Moderators: Megumi Nonni and Yoko Nagao. Commentators: Kana Jitsuhara (Former Attorney at Law, ABAT, Parent of a child with ASD), Molly Ola Pinney (Global Autism Project), Q&A. 110 min. 2 Continuing Education Units (BACBET, IBAO AU, QABAET). With translated captions, some interpretation.

 10 minute break

8. 18:00~18:30 Introduction of Executive Committee of Tsunageru ABA, and closing remarks by the Conference Chair, thanking collaborators, presentation of gifts to teachers and commemorative photos.

End of Summit.

Booth and Exhibit Space Schedule (free and open to the public) Hakodate International Hotel

Sept. 5-6 Exhibit Space (Fri. & Sat. only) Posters, displays, works by parties and silent auction,

Introduction of organization activities 8:00~18:00

Sept. 5-7 Exhibition booths for each sponsor organization (14 booths)

September 5 @ 3:30 – 5:00 pm Tsutaya Bookstore Talk and book signing for Bill and Jill