2013 Aug 19 APACT in Makuhari, Symposium: Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke Current Situation of Second-hand Smoke in Japan

# Countermeasure against secondhand smoke (SHS) in Japan:

Smoking section  $\rightarrow$  Smoking room  $\rightarrow$  Partial ban (1990') (2000') (2010')

#### Problems of SHS issue in Japan

- Comprehensive ban has not implemented yet
- Most of Japanese believes
  - "Smoking room" is effective countermeasure
  - "Total ban" has negative effect in hospitality industry

University of Occupational and Environmental Health, Japan Institute of Industrial and Ecological Sciences, Dept. of Health Development. Prof. H. Yamato "Smoking section" with ventilation and/or air purifier was recommended by the Guideline in 1996. "Smoking room" is recommended by the "revised Guidelines" in2003

> Ex. Haneda Airport SHS was reduced. But some smell around the smoking room.

Smoking section (1990' ∽2003)

Smoking room (2004 $\sim$ )

 Health Promotion Law (2003)
HPL requires managers of public places should take effective measures against SHS

(banks, post offices became smoke-free)

Mizuho Bank



Problem: Managers and most Japanese believe designated smoking rooms are "effective measure" though it is ineffective

# National survey: 13,000 premises in 2011, Countermeasure against SHS in workplaces



Total ban in only 30%

## National survey: 13,000 premises in 2011, More than half of workers are exposed to SHS



DSA: Smoking room=37.4%, Smoking corner= 59.6%

# 70% of Japanese workers are still exposed to SHS in 2011



#### Dust monitor (smoking corner: On the airpurifier)

#### Dust monitor (non-smoking **area**)

#### Smoking section in office



#### WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (2005)

"Guidelines for implementation Article Article 5.3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14" (2011)

Article 8: Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke Approaches other than 100% smoke free environments, including ventilation, air filtration and the use of designated smoking areas, have repeatedly been shown to be ineffective and there is conclusive evidence, scientific and otherwise, that engineering approaches do not protect against exposure to tobacco smoke.

WHO FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON TOBACCO CONTROL



#### Guidelines for implementation

Article 5.3 | Article 8 | Articles 9 and 10 Article 11 | Article 12 | Article 13 | Article 14



http://www.who.int/fctc/protocol/guidelines/adopted/guidel\_2011/en/index.html

#### "Smoking room" is recommended by the Guidelines in 2003 The level of SHS was reduced but there is some leakage



Dust monitor (inside the smoking room)

Cause of leakage ①Door movement (push out the tobacco smoke)

2 Smokers'movement3 Tobacco smoke in bless

#### Cause of the leakage: 2 Movement of the smoker

Guidelines for smoking room requires air current of 0.2m/s at the entrance. But smokers walks 0.7m/s. Smoke goes out with smokers movement.

Cause of the leakage: ③ Smoke in the bless after putting out the cig. Reasons why smoking ban is not implemented in Japan ① JT effectively promotes "designated smoking room" is effective through media. Class mates applause their friend because he installed smoking room when he created his own enterprise. (Woman) "JT creates the environments that are comfortable to both smokers and nonsmokers"

#### Reasons why smoking ban is not implemented in Japan (2)

JT interferes the movement of total ban by implementing "model smoking rooms" in public places (probably free)

> Smoking room "presented by JT" in **Hiroshima Airport** For adult smokers only 成人喫煙者の方のみご利用となります。 成人喫煙者以外のご利用はご遠慮下さい。

#### The same problem happens on the streets

JT interferes the movement of total ban

More than 100 municipals implemented "No-smoking streets" ordinances. But JT installed "Smoking corners" (probably free)



is prohibited"



#### Reasons why smoking ban is not implemented in Japan (3)

Most Japanese believes the myth "It is difficult to implement total ban in hospitality industry" JT is also promoting this myth.



#### Reasons why smoking ban is not implemented in Japan $\Im$

 JT interferes the movement of total ban in hospitality industries through media

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#### **DSA** solution for restaurants



"Nikkei Restaurants" (Famous magazine for restaurant owners)

If total ban is implemented by national law, total sales would decrease by 487,900,000,000 yen (\$ 4,879,000,000)

# Hospitality industries are "public place" and "workplace" Ministry of Health = Public places Total ban should be implemented from two aspects Ministry of Labour = Workplaces

Kanagawa prefectural ordinance require total ban or DSA with physical separation in venues larger than 100 m<sup>2</sup> in 2010

#### Dust monitor in smoking section





#### Both customers and workers are protected from SHS by ordinance



Ban on smoking should be implemented as a national law (not prefectural ordinance)





#### 2<sup>nd</sup> choice of Kanagawa Ordinance: DSA with physical separation





#### PM<sub>2.5</sub> in non-smoking section Max: 68µg/m<sup>3</sup>

(1) ineffective method: Leakage of smoke

**DSA** is

(2) inadequate method: Occupational exposure to SHS of workers

### Which measure is feasible? Personal Protective Equipment or Smoke-free policy





### Poor countermeasure against SHS in South-East Asia

Comprehensive smoking ban without any exemptions : Hong-Kong, Taiwan



# Conclusion: We need comprehensive ban on smoking including hospitality industries like European countries



#### We hope the government will implement comprehensive ban on smoking like Hong-Kong as early as possi



Ban on smoking started from restaurants in 2007. Comprehensive ban including casinos and bars started in 2009.

#### Smoking related diseases decreased after total ban on smoking in those countries: Admission of acute coronary syndrome decreased by 17% after Smoke-free Law was implemented in Scotland in 2006



Smoke-free Legislation and Hospitalizations for Acute Coronary Syndrome Jill P. Pell et al., N Engl J Med. 2008; 359: 482-91.

After Ban

#### Personal exposure of hospitality workers: Before the ordinance



#### SHS exposure in hospitality venues in 7 Asian countries

International Journal of Hygiene and Environmental Health 213 (2010) 348–351, J Lee et al.

#### Indoor air quality of public venues in seven Asian countries.

Country	Ν	PM <sub>2.5</sub> conce	ntrations (µg/m³)		
		Mean		GM	Range
China X. Guo	20	98	6	58	4–500
India R. Kamath	20	207	3	109	20-748
<b>Japan</b> H. Yamato	22	160	1	135	20-371
Korea Jiyeon Lee	44	161	2	117	17-881
Malaysia A. Abas	22	46	7	35	7–164
Pakistan A. Nafees	20	139	5	99	25-390
Sri Lanka <sup>S</sup> . Nandasena	20	125	4	101	33–299



Cafes (n=7) Re

Restaurants (5)

Bars (n=5)

Entertainments (5)