

## Activities for support to overseas labors : A case of a voluntary group in Hamamatsu.

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There had been increasing foreign laborers in Japan. Especially many Brazilians have stayed in and near Hamamatsu-city. In 1994 we have organized a group for research of Tokai Area and got a subsidy of the Ministry of Education "Monbu-sho" and now continue to research Hamamatsu area. I have interested in a voluntary association "Hamamatsu overseas Laborers Solidarity (HLS)." It has been taking activities to aid foreign laborers for six years. The troubles that it tries to solve are accidents on labor, illness, health-care, marriages, divorces and others. It has solved many problems of foreign people for this six years. The group held many conferences to inform foreign affairs and troubles of overseas laborers to citizens of Hamamatsu.

Nowadays foreign laborers are increasing not so rapidly, but they want to stay in Japan for long time. So the problems they are confronting now have changed. In this paper I will tell the history, organization and members of HLS and explain the recent change of their activities.