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Welfare Ministry
Social Welfare Bureau
Order No.42

3 March, 1948

SUBJECT: On the Closing of the Community Chest Drive.

TO : Governors of Respective Prefectures.

FROM : Director of Social Welfare Bureau, Welfare Ministry.

It is through your appropriate guidance and the remarkable efforts of those concerned that the Community Chest Drive has shown a successful result, which is indeed a matter to be greatly congratulated. However, in view of the fact that the immediate publication of the actual results gained and the allotment of the fund, for public criticism would have a great effect to the future Community Chest Drive and in pursuance with the purport of the Drive which is carried out at a designated period once a year, we believe that the Drive should be closed at the earliest possible date. Accordingly it is desired that you give instruction to close the Drive as of the end of February, make immediate account for the Fund collected and publish the account and the allotment of the fund through the press, radio, bulletin boards etc. Moreover, in case a considerable length of time is required for the allotment of the Fund, it is requested you give instruction to make preliminary announcement or interim report on the matter.

Furthermore, it is needless to say that though the Community Chest Drive is closed the publicization and propagation of the help-each-other idea and the purport of the Drive should be carried out all the year round.

Social Welfare Bureau
Otsu No.39

27 February, 1948.

SUBJECT: On the Participation of Government Officials in the Community Chest Drive and the Allotment of the Fund to Public Institutions.

TO : Governors of Respective Prefectures.

FROM : Director of the Social Welfare Bureau.

In view of the fact that there are many cases of inquiry made on Paragraph 2 and Paragraph 3 of Notification No. 1701, this Bureau, dated 10 December, 1947 Subject: as above, we hereby clarify the purport of the notification as follows. Furthermore, notification No.32, this Bureau, dated 20 February, 1948, Subject: same as above, shall be rescinded owing to circumstances.

1. The part in Paragraph 2 which states that "Government and public officials shall not participate in the work pertaining to subscription, accounting, custody and allotment of the fund" means that "Government and public officials shall not be the responsible person for the subscription, accounting, custody and allotment of the fund. The reason for this is that the purport of this movement is absolutely a drive initiated by the general public so should an official become a staff member or responsible person just because of his official position and have the leading power in the committee through his authority, the general public would have an impression that the Drive is a government sponsored movement. It is our intention to prevent the public from harboring such an impression.

Accordingly, from the present condition of our country, difficulties would be encountered should the government and the public officials immediately sever their relation with the movement now. However, as an ideal, the officials should cease to participate in the Drive in the capacity of a government or public official at the earliest possible date and leave the work up to the public. Furthermore, we have no objection against the active participation of the government and public officials in the movement when they do so strictly as an individual apart from their official position except in the case prescribed in Paragraph 2 of Notification No. 1701 this bureau, dated 10 December, 1947. Of course the officials are justified to become member of the committee when recommended through their personality, reliance, ability etc. However, they

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2. The part in Paragraph 3 which reads "the money obtained in the drive shall not be transferred to the account of the national or public institutions" means that the national government, prefectures or cities, towns and villages or other public bodies corresponding to them shall not transfer the money obtained in the Community Chest Drive to the account of the government or public institutions under the name of contributions etc. to supplement the deficit in the budget of the government or public bodies in the management of public institutions for the reason that they encounter shortage in the payment of expenses which must naturally be borne by them. This principle shall not be changed under any circumstances. However, a case might arise where the relief measures of the private social welfare institution would be improved as the result of receiving the allotment of the Community Chest Fund and the treatment of the inmates of the private institution would be drastically better than that

of those accommodated in public institutions consequently making it difficult for them to guarantee the minimum living standard to their inmates, for instance, providing the inmates with necessities such as eye-glasses or with recreational materials such as magazines, books and other entertainments.

In such cases there is no objection against a private organization executing social Welfare work as a part of its work and receiving benefit from the Fund, allotting some fund to the public institutions with the object of giving direct assistance to the inmates accommodated into the public institutions under its own decision.

Moreover, the Fund obtained in the Community Chest Drive, should be allotted only to those organizations participating as a beneficiary receiving organization designated prior to the start of the Community Chest Drive. Accordingly, the fund should be allotted only to those organizations which have been formerly designated as a beneficiary receiving organization prior to 25 November, 1947, the formal commencement date of the Drive.

Social Welfare Bureau
Otsu No.36

24 February, 1948.

SUBJECT: Application of the Decoration Regulations to the
Contributors of the Community Chest.

TO : Governors of Respective Prefecture.

FROM : Director of Social Welfare Bureau, Welfare Ministry.

As it has been decided to apply the Decoration Regulations to the contributors of the Community Chest, it is desired you take immediate steps on the matter.

1. Those contributing more than ¥ 100 and not exceeding ¥ 1000 shall be awarded a 3rd certificate of merit by the Governor of the Prefecture.

2. Those contributing more than ¥ 1000 and not exceeding ¥ 100,000 shall be awarded with the 2nd certificate of merit by the Director of the Board of Decoration.

3. Those contributing more than ¥ 100,000 shall be awarded the Dark Blue Ribbon Medal.

4. Those contributing more than ¥ 1,000,000 shall be granted three sets of wooden cups with tray from His Imperial Majesty. Furthermore, certificate of merit shall be awarded to organizations and in the event of the death of contributors contributing more than ¥ 100,000, an additional certificate of merit shall be granted as posthumous honors.