

RFMF HISTORY

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RUTSUKI FUJISAKI MEMORIAL FUND

Apr. 1983	Ms. Rutsuki Fujisaki lost her life trying to save her two drawing Filipino friends in the sea of Botolan in the Philippines.
Nov. 1983	Hitachi Church held an extraordinary general meeting and the establishment of the fund was resolved.
Apr. 1984	A book "Ruchan no Tabidachi" was published.
Jun. 1984	The first scholar (Juliet Tumbado) was chosen and the scholarship started.
Dec. 1984	The first RFMF Newsletter was issued.
Apr. 1985	"Rutsuki, Her Departure" was published as the English version of "Ruchan no Tabidachi."
Apr. 1990	The first scholar, Juliet was invited to Japan.
Jan. 1991	The 1st RFMF visit to the Philippines. (11 attendees)
Jun. 1991	A movie of "Ruchan no Tabidachi" was completed.
Oct. 1992	The English version of the movie "Rutsuki, Her Departure" was completed and shown in the Philippines.
Nov. 1992	RFMF awarded by The Sorooptimist Japan Foundation.
Sep. 1993	Two scholars, Ronald and Eualdo were invited to Japan.
Nov. 2004	The 2nd RFMF visit to the Philippines. (5 attendees)
Aug. 2005	Former scholar, Ann was assigned to International Catholic Center in Tokyo and stayed in Japan till Dec. 2010.
Jun. 2006	The scholarship support was expanded for Silliman University Divinity School students.
Nov. 2011	The 3rd RFMF visit to the Philippines. (9 attendees)
Aug. 2013	RFMF was invited to the 52nd Church Workers Convocation of Silliman University Divinity School and received a plaque of thanks.
Nov. 2013	The 30th Anniversary of RFMF was celebrated.
Nov. 2014	Former scholar, Rhea was invited to Japan.
Jan. 2017	Former scholar, May was invited to Japan and mingled with Hitachi Church.
Jan. 2018	Former scholar, Regina stopped over Narita on the way from Finland to the Philippines and then started legal profession in the Philippines.
Mar. 2020	The total number of the scholars reached 137, and the donations 6,838 with total amount JPY59,470,000.

Your noble contribution is used as a scholarship for supporting young Filipino people.

In 2019, the amount of JPY100,000/year is provided to each of 18 scholars.

On-site centers of ChildFund Japan are pursuing customized program for each necessity of children so as to support their healthy growth in poor conditions. Also various other activities, such as "Rights of the child," "Child's Labor Prevention" and other specific problems are proceeding.

Silliman University Divinity School is fostering ministers to serve overwhelming majority of poor people.

We are thankful that the fund has been growing satisfactorily since its foundation.

For the children in the Philippines, for alleviation of poverty, and for the future of the country, we wish to continue our support.

We ask for your support through contributions.

The Account of Postal Transfer is as follows;

[Japan Post Bank Postal Transfer]

- Account No. : 00300—9—15365
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The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them. (John 15:13)

Ms. Rutsuki Fujisaki was only 24 years old, when she sacrificed her life trying to save her drowning two Filipino friends in the sea of Botolan, Luzon in the Philippines.

"Rutsuki Fujisaki Memorial Fund (RFMF)" is established by Hitachi Church commemorating her wish to be with the people in need and to help them in Asia.

The fund has been used as a scholarship to support young Filipino people who cannot have specialized education due to poverty.



The beach of Botolan

I am telling you the truth: a grain of wheat remains no more than a single grain unless it is dropped into the ground and dies. If it does die, then it produces many grains. (John 12:24)

ABOUT RFMF



Ruchan

Ms. Rutsuki Fujisaki, nicknamed as 'Ruchan' with warmth, was only 24 years old, when she sacrificed her life trying to save her drowning friends in the sea of Botolan in the Philippines.

She was born in Hitachi on June 11, 1958.

She was brought up in Hitachi Church ministered by her father. Then in 1977 she was baptized at Sagamihara Church and entered the Japan Lutheran Theological College next year. In February 1979, she participated in a camp in the Philippines sponsored by Christian Children Welfare Association, and in 1981, she worked as a medical aid volunteer both in India and in Bangladesh.

Her long cherished wish to give a helping hand to suffering people in Asian countries led her to make up her mind to study more for the Philippines. In August 1982, she went to the Philippines again, and in November she entered 'Community Development Course' of the University of the Philippines. The tragedy occurred on April 2, 1983, when she was visiting her fellow volunteers in Botolan.

In December 1983, the Rutsuki Fujisaki Memorial Fund (RFMF) was established to commemorate her faith and to fulfill her wish for social work and community development in Asian Countries. This scholarship has been supporting young Filipinos in need.

RUCHAN'S LIFE HISTORY (24 years & 10 months)

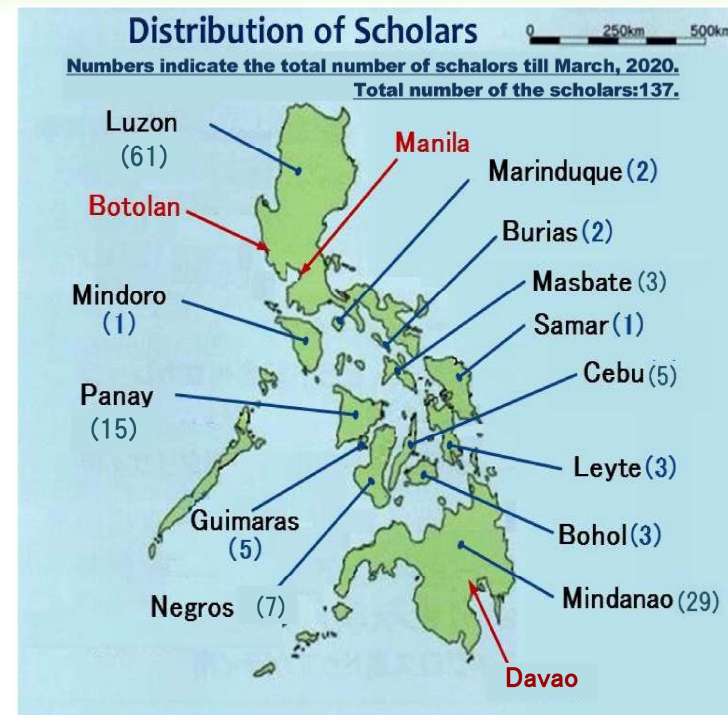
• June 11, 1958	Born in Hitachi City, Ibaraki as the sole daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Shin Fujisaki, minister of Hitachi Church.
• March, 1971	Graduated from Miyata Elementary School
• March 1974	Graduated from Komao Junior High School
• December 25, 1977	Being baptized at Sagamihara Church, UCCJ
• March 1978	Graduated from Oberlin Senior High School
• June 1981	Service activities both in India and Bangladesh.
• March 1982	Graduated from Social Welfare Course of the Japan Lutheran Theological College.
• August 1982	Moved to the Philippines to study abroad to Philippine University.
• April 2, 1983	Passed away on the Beach of Botolan, Luzon, Philippines.

The contributions you donated are managed by Hitachi Church, and used as the scholarship for the young Filipino people who are financially unable to receive specialized education. The scholarship has been made through NPO ChildFund Japan *1) and Japan Biblical Theological Seminary (JBTS) *2).

Education is necessary to alleviate poverty. And for that purpose, your kind concern is essential.

*1) : NPO ChildFund Japan has been supporting various activities aiming for children's healthy growth and the independence of family and community living in poverty mainly in Asian since 1975.
 *2): Through Japan Biblical Theological Seminary, students of Silliman University Divinity School has been supported.

LOCATIONS OF SCHOLARS



CONDITIONS OF SCHOLARS

The number of scholars has been increased from only one at the beginning in 1984 and reached to 137 in total as of March, 2020.

