

The Information of 19th Annual Conference of The Japanese Puppet Therapy Association

◇ Theme: The Rich Potential of Puppet Therapy

～Puppets That Stand Beside You in Every Setting～

◇ Date: Sunday, October 19, 2025

◇ Venue:

Social Welfare Corporation National Foundation for Children with Physical and Mental Disabilities (Zenkoku Shinshin Shougaiji Fukushi zaidan) Building, Tokyo

◇ The Conference Chairman: Ikuko Yazaki, The JPTA Director

◇ The Conference Executive Committee Member:

Tomiko Nakashita, Masaaki Deyama, Teruko Tokairin

◇ Organizer: The Japanese Puppet Therapy Association(JPTA)

19th Conference Program

◇ The Conference Chairman's Address and Lecture

“Exploring the Rich Potential of Puppet Therapy”

- Ikuko Yazaki, The Conference Chairman

◇ Educational Lecture

“The Potential of Therapy in Dementia Preparedness and Care

～The Effects of Orange Cafes and Puppet Therapy～”

- Hidemi Karino, Dementia Nursing Certified Nurse

◇ Research and Practice Presentations

“Practical Report on Dementia Care Utilizing Puppet Therapy in Medical Institutions”

- Yukiko Shiokawa, Koyama Rehabilitation Hospital

“Puppet Therapy Workshop for Delinquent Youth, Victimized Youth, and Their Families”

- Naoko Moridaira, Institute of Science Tokyo

“Puppet Therapy for Individuals with Severe Disabilities Utilizing Day Service Facilities”

- Tomiko Nakashita, Gunma Paz University

◇ Symposium

“Why Puppet Therapy?” ~ What Puppet Therapy Can Achieve ~

Coordinator: Nobuyuki Oka, The JPTA Director

Speakers:

“The Possibilities of Ventriloquism and Puppetry in Live Performance”

- Keiko Nakanishi, Ventriloquist

“Practice of Puppet Therapy for Groups”

- Shunichi Chiba, Ventriloquism Class Shalom Puppet Sendai Director

“Puppet Therapy is a Fun and Enriching Showtime”

- Aya Nakazawa, Ventriloquism Research Society Puppet Choir Member

◇ Workshop and Discussion

Coordinator: Masaaki Deyama, The JPTA Director

“Sing Along with the Puppet Choir”

- Ikuko Yazaki, The JPTA Director & Puppet Choir Member

“Icebreaking with Puppets”

- Teruko Tokairin, The JPTA Director



Sisters playing with puppets - by M