Dr. Le Jong-Wook fellowship program (LJWFP)General Assembly in Seoul, KOFIH

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Participants of the LJWFP General Assembly

KOFIH (Korea Foundation for International Healthcare) is a government affiliated agency under the Ministry of Health and Welfare of the Republic of Korea. KOFIH was established in 2006 to honor the legacy of Dr LEE Jong-wook, the late 6th Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO). KOFIH commits itself to promoting international collaboration and spreading humanitarian values through health assistance projects for partner countries in Asia and Africa, North Korea, overseas Koreans and migrant workers in Korea.

LJWFP (Dr. LEE Jong-wook Fellowship Program) is a training program designed to invite the global healthcare workforce from partner countries to build their competence. LJWFP was launched in 2007 and has seen more than 1,500 fellows from 30 countries as of 2023 and KOFIH supports KGA(KOFIH Global Alumni) established by LJWFP fellows in 12 countries.

As the president of the African forum for Research and Education in Health, I was invited to attend the LJWFP GENERAL ASSEMBLY in Seoul this year, as a speaker for the commemorative forum during the assembly. The meeting was held on June 5, 2024 at the Hotel Naru, M Gallery . The main Objective was "To share the experience of capacity building activities of health and medical workers and to discuss paradigm transition of international cooperation in health sector under the theme: Strengthening Healthcare Workforce Capacity in the Post-Pandemic Era.

My topic of discussion was "Pandemic Training Experience for Healthcare Workforce at the African Forum for Research and Education in Health (AFREhealth)". The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the critical importance of a well-trained and resilient healthcare workforce. As the world transitions into a post-pandemic era, it is imperative to reflect on the training experiences of healthcare professionals to better prepare for future health crises. My talk delved into the insights garnered from the African Forum for Research and Education in Health (AFREhealth) regarding the post-pandemic training experience for the healthcare workforce.

AFREhealth, as a leading platform for advancing healthcare education, service delivery and research in Africa, offers a unique perspective on the challenges and opportunities faced by healthcare professionals in the region. Through collaborative efforts, AFREhealth aims to enhance training programs, curriculum development, and skill-building initiatives tailored to the evolving needs of the healthcare sector. The presentation explored key themes such as Interprofessional Education, Scaling up Digital (online) education, collaboration and partnership.

Additionally, it highlighted innovations and adaptations to new models of education, innovative approaches and best practices identified by AFREhealth members to foster a resilient and adaptable healthcare workforce capable of navigating future health emergencies. It was a pleasure to be part of this great event.



The President Of AFREhealth making her presentation