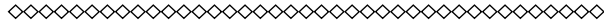


Belief of the Asia Health & Education Fund



The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was proclaimed by the United Nations in 1948, states that:

Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services. (Article 25-1)

Everyone has the right to education. (Article 26-1)

Already 60 years have passed since the UN Declaration. Yet, there still remain in many countries in the world, people who have no access to safe drinking water and basic medical services, and children who are deprived of the opportunity to receive elementary education. Various international organizations, governments, and NGOs have extended assistance to these people in need, and many have benefited from such supports.

Meanwhile, the Asia Health & Education Fund (AHEF) started its activities in August 2004 with a few members and limited financial resources, based on the belief that assistance should help its recipients to be self-reliant and capable of developing their society by themselves. Our goal is to provide assistance that helps people shape their future by themselves. We aim to do so through close consultation with the beneficiaries and directing our assistance to the appropriate areas, rather than merely providing physical facilities such as modern hospitals and nice school buildings.

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