

In 2002, the International Exchange Committee was set up in order to expand the activities of the association to other countries, such as holding international symposiums and increasing foreign members.

In the beginning, there were only 100 association members. However, they have now increased to around 700. Members, whose backgrounds are diverse, include academics, lawyers, national and local government officials, employees of social welfare institutions and graduate students.

In October, 2001, to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the association, a special congress was held at Tokyo University on *Medical Treatment and Insurance Reform*. Also, the Association published a six volume Series on Social Security Law through Horitsu Bunkasha Ltd. This includes *Volume One: Social Security Law in the 21st Century*; *Volume Two: Income Security Law*; *Volume Three: Social Services Law*; *Volume Four: Medical Services Law/ Long-Term Care Services Law*; *Volume Five: Housing and Facilities Services Law/ Public Assistance Law*; and *Volume Six: Social Security and Law in Related Fields-Extension and Development*. Eighty-one association members contributed articles.



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