

A Site Visit Following the First Meeting of the Committee to Review Support for Ukraine (Report)

At the first meeting, Ambassador Korsunsky of Ukraine to Japan raised the issue of Ukraine's lack of expertise in the prosthetics and orthotics. In order to explore the direction of future support to Ukraine, Mr. Andrey Stavnitser (who runs a medical center for rehabilitation in Lviv and attended the meeting with the Ambassador) and Chairperson Okabe visited the Hyogo Institute of Assistive Technology and had discussions with Governor Saito and Dr. Chin, the director of the Institute.

1. Date and Time: Monday, April 24, 2023, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
2. Venue: Hyogo Institute of Assistive Technology (1070, Akebono-cho, Nishi-ku, Kobe)
3. Visitors: Andrey Stavnitser, Co-Founder, Superhuman Clinic
Okabe Yoshihiko, Chairperson of the Committee Meeting
4. Hosts: Saito Motohiko, Governor of Hyogo
Chin Takaaki, Director, Hyogo Institute of Assistive Technology
5. Major Points Raised by Participants



Major Points

	Major Points
Ukraine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The war has left 10,000 to 12,000 Ukrainians in need of prosthetic limbs. ◆ While high-quality prosthetic limbs are necessary, effective rehabilitation requires guidance from experts in reconstruction, rehabilitation, and occupational therapy, yet Ukraine lacks sufficient medical professionals in these fields. ◆ We have requested Hyogo to provide the guidance on the necessary expertise and skills to Ukrainian doctors, whether in-person or online.
Hyogo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ It is not very beneficial for a doctor to pursue education/training alone, as it requires patients to treat and some equipment. ◆ We have previously hosted trainees, and we are open to exploring potential measures for future trainees from Ukraine.

