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“The 13th Japan Society of Rural and Remote Area Nursing” which has the theme “Supporting people to live in the islands of Seto Inland Sea Region” was held at Kagawa International conference hall and Sun-port hall Takamatsu, on 2018 November 3 to 4. About 250 people gathered from Hokkaido the north to Okinawa the south of Japan. There are 727 islands in the Seto Inland Sea, include 112 islands in Kagawa Prefecture. Of which, there are 24 manned island in Kagawa. We discussed how the islands should change in order to continue living on those islands through keynotes, symposiums, workshops, and general presentations.

However, it could be difficult to find the resolution of these problems soon, maybe we think telemedicine, various networking, logistics changes and lifestyle changes and others are needed. In addition, it will be also necessary to educate doctors and nurses to become to be able to multi-cover, because lack of specialists in the island.

The remote island is said to be the advanced area of problems, but we think that Kagawa Prefecture, where has many islands, could send out tips for resolutions to the problems.

Above all, we were lucky, because we were able to see the beauty of many island floating in the clear blue Seto Inland Sea, under the blue fine sky in the best autumn season for two days.