

INDONESIA

The Florence Nightingale Medal was awarded to Mrs. Marianne Tuapattinaya-Lohonauman, a qualified nurse and midwife, who worked in several important posts relating to relief and medical welfare.

The presentation was made at a special ceremony held on 28 July at Djakarta City Hall, hosted by the Governor of the city and attended by many representatives of the authorities and of the Indonesian Red Cross. Mrs. Tuapattinaya received the medal from the Governor, after addresses had been pronounced by the Chairman of the National Society and other speakers extolling the great services rendered by the recipient and recalling the profound meaning of the Florence Nightingale Award.¹

JAPAN

On 25 June 1975, the Japanese Red Cross Society held its ceremony for the presentation of the Florence Nightingale Medal to three nurses, Miss Fumiko Hosokawa, Miss Matsuko Takase and Miss Toyo Oka, in the presence of H. M. The Empress, Honorary President of the Society, the Crown Princess and two other Princesses, Honorary Vice-Presidents of the National Society.

At the ceremony, a choir sang a poem by Empress Teimei set to music. The President of the Japanese Red Cross next gave an address and presented the recipients with the distinction awarded by the ICRC, after which H.M. the Empress read out a message.¹ A representative of the recipients of the medal replied to the congratulations addressed to them and spoke of the spirit of service to others which inspired them in their daily task.

¹ *Plate.*