

Collaboration for establishment of Human Security Course in Philippines (2013/6/5-8)

Location : San Lazaro Hp, SACCL, Philippine Red Cross (Manila), Angeles Univ. (Angeles)
Title: Establishment of Human Security Course in Philippines and the possible contribution of Tohoku University.

Prof. Toshio Hattori and I visited Manila and Angeles from Jun 4 to 8 to begin collaboration with people in academia and public health sectors for establishment of Human Security Course in Philippines. Philippines suffer frequently from typhoon and flooding as well as volcanos and is expecting large scale earthquake attacking Metropolitan Manila area. All public healthcare sectors have great concern about the disaster management in the current situation. Though Philippines are growing economically, the social infrastructures are under development and complicated situation by too congested metropolitan area, poverty in villages and distant small islands, that could increase the complicated hazard risk at the time of disaster. Many young people suffers from infectious disease including AIDS, tuberculosis, Dengue and the leptospirosis increasing at the time of flooding. Nationwide education for disaster management is ongoing, but the coordination of multiple stake holders for healthcare has lot of problem to be solved.

We had an opportunity to visit at Research and Biotechnology Division at St. Lukes University. A seminar introducing Human Security and IRIDeS was given. This division is equipped with advanced instruments and Director agreed the importance of researches combined with disaster and infectious diseases. In this March we introduced disaster preparedness course in human security to Dean of Public Health school of Philippine University. She suggested an active academia attitude is important against disaster but may face difficulty due to the intrinsic nature of University. She also gave an extensive comment on our questionnaire and promised further collaboration.

In San Lazaro Hospital, we made lectures about the medical management after Great East Japan Earthquake and Human Security for the people in Emergency Medicine. They highly appreciated the preparedness through systematic involvement of medical staff. We also made lectures in Philippine Red Cross and investigated the command control center, disaster rescue team and emergency vehicles. Philippine Red Cross does not have its own hospitals that is quite different from Japan, but they appraised to incorporate the idea of Human Security and Disaster Management system together with Tohoku University.

Next day, we lectured at Angeles University in the Public Health Department. Faculty members and postgraduate students attended and made enthusiastic questions. I talked about the lessons from past disasters in Japan for medical management, expected possible hazard in near future and the review and revision of Hyogo

Framework for Action. We had fruitful discussion with the people from Philippines WHO, Society of Clinical Laboratories and Department of Health of government to play positive contribution for the establishment of Human Security Course in Philippines.

We made surveillance how much need is there to implement Human Security in academia together with healthcare sectors. We will host a seminar in Philippines to make possible contribution for future.



At Philippine Red Cross



Lecture in Angeles University

Shinichi Egawa (International Cooperation for Disaster Medicine)