

World Bank – Japan Collaboration Project Policy Dialogue with Disaster Managers and Experts from Five Countries from Asia and Africa at Tohoku University (2013/5/26)

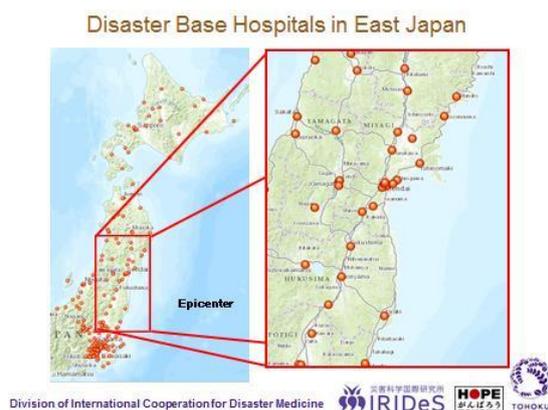
Venue: Sakura Hall, Tohoku University (Sendai)
 Topics: Lessons Learned from Megadisasters

On June 26, Policy Dialogue with Disaster Managers and Experts from Five Countries from Asia and Africa was held at Tohoku University as a World Bank – Japan Collaboration Project. Vice President Nobuyoshi Hara introduced the reconstruction phase from Great East Japan Earthquake and the role of IRIDeS and Tohoku University, followed by the remarks from Mr. Musa Ecweru, Minister of State for Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees of Uganda.

Prof. Egawa presented the past lessons from Great Kanto and Hanshinn-Awaji Earthquake from medical view point introducing disaster base hospitals (DBH), disaster medical assistant teams (DMAT), wide transportation system for critical patients and emergency medical information system (EMIS) before GEJE, and its reality after 3.11. The preparedness for future megadisasters was also introduced. Preparedness for medical-public health-welfare problems, vulnerable populations and hospital evacuations were shown to be as unsolved problems. Prof. Egawa made the map of DBH made by Geographical Information System by himself to visualize the systematic instrument of Japanese medical management.

Other departments presented the mechanisms of natural disasters, logistic control of support, building code for earthquake proof buildings, destruction mechanisms of levees, GIS system as a tool for local community reconstruction. Only multidisciplinary approach of IRIDeS made this symposium possible. Minister Ecweru asked about the collaboration of policy makers and experts. This is a great step for the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

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GIS map of DBH in Japan



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