

Disaster Medicine provided the evacuation center role playing game (HUG) in Tohoku University Katahira Festival (2013/10/12)

Venue: Sakura Hall, Katahira Campus, Tohoku University (Sendai)

Topic: How can you manage the evacuation center in disaster?

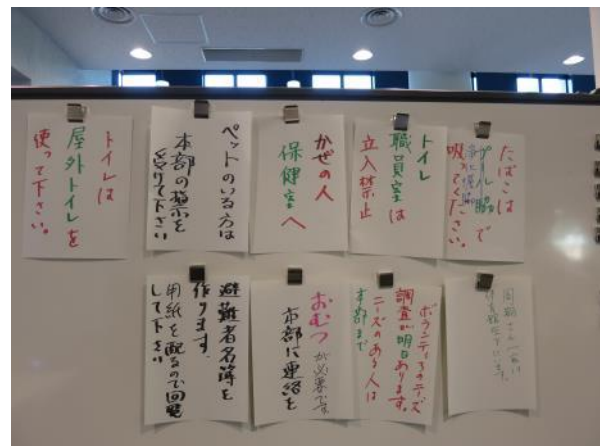
On Oct. 12 and 13, Dept. of Disaster Medicine provided the evacuation center role playing game (HUG) in Katahira Festival to show how to manage an evacuation center. HUG was developed and is commercially available by Shizuoka Prefecture. Evacuation centers are designated by municipal government, but its management should be in cooperation of the evacuees themselves. There will be various evacuees with various requirements and problems and diverse events will happen unexpectedly. Suggestions, indications and requests from municipal headquarter is also to be solved. Everyone can be an evacuee at the time of disaster. Role playing is a very practical method of education and learning of disaster response.

The game was played by 4-6 players. It consists of 15 min explanation, 5 min ice breaking, 60 min game and 10 min review. Players are assumed to be the manager team of an evacuation center that is an elementary school located in the earthquake stricken area. Players put the evacuee cards with family background, vulnerability, disease and injury, pets etc. Foreigners and travelers may also come. Various events will happen and the players should handle them appropriately.

Total of six games were performed in two days. Some visitors were willing to experience the role playing. Many of the visitors had a real experience of Great East Japan Earthquake and someone had lived in an evacuation center. In every game, gallery was watching with interest. From elementary school students to aged, both gender, various background of people enjoyed playing games. The effect of active participation of role playing HUG changed the perception of the players assuming what kind of problems will occur during disaster.



HUG players and gallery



Sign board indications

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