

Lecture in 8th Philippine National Health Research System Week(2014/8/12)

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Cebu, Philippines (TV conference)
Topics: Research and innovation in health for disaster and emergency.

On Aug. 12, Prof. Egawa made a invited on-line lecture in the 8th Philippine National Health Research System Week in Cebu Island. Using the web-based conference system “GoToMeeting”, he remotely presented the experience from Great East Japan Earthquake and medical response.

In this Parallel Session 2, entitled “Response to the man-made and natural disasters”, Dr. Geroncio C. Fajardo from Center for Disease Control, USA presented about the bioterrorism. After being shocked with the threat of Anthrax, number of white powders were sent to various organizations including mass media, government and health facilities. US established a Laboratory Response Network (LRN) and gathered the information about the possible bioterrorism. Dr. Fajardo searched the key word “white powder” and found there was a significant discrepancy between the data of digital media, CDC and FBI. The handling of national security-related information seemed difficult to analyze appropriately.

Prof. Egawa presented the preparedness before GEJE especially the medical response system and the change of health risks in large scale disasters. The role of Tohoku University and IRIDes, together with the World Conference and HFA2 was also mentioned.

There were about 60 attendees of health professionals and researchers, government related people in the room, and made active discussion. The slide presentation was locally presented by present PDF due to the communication trouble of the slideshow, but the final outcome was satisfactory to the audience. The technical problems fo TV conference should be improved, but the advantage of saving time, money and resource was important. Backup of information is also vital for the successful presentation. TV conferences between Asian countries will be more frequently used from now on.



Audience in Cebu



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