## 19th Annual Congress of Japanese Association for Disaster Medicine. (2014/1/16-24)

## Venue: Tokyo Forum (Tokyo)

Topics: Disaster Medicine - A must all healthcare providers should learn

Prof. Egawa presented the results of nationwide surveillance about the medical and public health coordinators in Panel Discussion. Prof Hiroyuki Sasaki presented the results of health receiving capacity in the hospitals throughout the affected areas in Great East Japan Earthquake. Dr. Sasaki's results were awarded as distinguished reports in this congress.

Congress President, Prof. Yasuhiro Otomo, Tokyo Medical and Dental University is one of the core members who established Japan DMAT. Number of sessions were actively coordinated to discuss about how we should prepare for coming South Trough Earthquake or Metropolitan Earthquake. More than 1700 domestic and international members attended.

Our laboratory made these two surveillances by the Specific Project Grants from IRIDeS. The detailed results (in Japanese) is uploaded in our website <u>http://www.irides-icdm.med.tohoku.ac.jp</u>. In Panel, the characteristics of disaster medical-public health coordinators and how the middle and long term medical help should be provided were discussed. In the plenary session, Dr. Sasaki cautioned the audience how they can be helped better when their hospitals were involved in disaster. Preparedness of the hospital and plans for help receiving is important.

Dr. Sasaki attended the BDLS (Basic Disaster Life Support) Provider Course supported by NDLS (National Disaster Life Support). He learned about mass casualty training, SALT (Sort, Assess, Life support, Treatment and Transport) and Triage.

Next year, the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of JADM will be held in Tachikawa City, Toyo under President Yuichi Koido in National Disaster Medical Center. This is a good opportunity for not only the researchers in Disaster Medicine but also the researchers in other disaster science. Actually, sessions for BCP, Tsunamis, Evacuation, Policy Making were very crowded.



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