

## Special Lecture on Disaster Medicine in St. Lukes Medical Center (2015/8/26)

Topics: Disaster medicine and infectious disease  
 Venue: St. Luke's Medical Center, Manila, Philippines

On Aug. 26, Prof. Shinichi Egawa gave a special lecture on disaster medicine in St. Luke's Medical Center (SLMC) in Manila during his stay to attend the Forum 2015 co-organized by the Council on Health Research for Development (COHRED), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Health (DOH) and the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD) of Philippines.

Prof. Egawa gave an hour talk about the medical and public health response in Great East Japan Earthquake, capacity building of disaster medicine in Japan after Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake, the change of medical and public health needs in disaster, disaster-related infectious disease and about the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Since disaster can attack anytime, anywhere and has similarity with disease, Prof. Egawa emphasized the importance of basic knowledge of disaster medicine as a competency of health care providers and the importance of preparedness.

Even though Philippine has frequent disasters, the awareness of disaster medicine and the Sendai Framework is not sufficient among health care providers. It is highly appreciated that Prof. Daroy who visited Tohoku Medical Megabank Organization to introduce a tissue banking in SLMC has promoted the importance of disaster medicine. Metropolitan Manila is facing the risk of earthquake, flood and typhoons and SLMC should play a central role as a tertiary medical center. Participants from nearby hospitals also showed a strong interest in implementing disaster medicine as a curriculum for education.



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