

Disaster Nursing program by TOMODACHI Initiative (2016/6/25)

Topic: Disaster Medicine and Disaster Nursing
 Venue: IRIDeS (Sendai)

On Jun. 25, Prof. Shinichi Egawa co-organized a part of the second batch of Disaster Nursing program in IRIDeS and he gave a special lecture of “Disaster Medicine and Disaster Nursing.”

TOMODACHI Initiative by US-Japan Council started after the Great East Japan Earthquake to promote the leadership of young generation of Japan. More than 4000 youth are alumni of TOMODACHI Initiative having visited US and/or collaborative experience with US youths. This Disaster Nursing program was started from 2015 with at least three year perspectives. The 12 selected nursing students of Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima Prefecture proposed their opinion and hope for disaster nursing.

This was the first time for them to get together. Through the ice breaking mutual introduction and the presentation of their home tone, they learn the presentation skills. All session was carried out in Japanese, but the global idea to be in touch with the current situation and training. Three of the first batch students also participated and showed their outcome of last year and the actual change of themselves.

Prof. Egawa made a comprehensive lecture on the terminology of disaster medicine and the difference of health needs in each disaster. In order to reduce the disaster risk, we should reduce the exposure to the hazard and vulnerability and increase the coping capacity. Prof. Egawa introduce the concept of leadership to protect the health of affected people. The cluster approach in disaster and team approach in medicine are very similar. Not only presenting self, but also understanding and cooperating with others with assertive attitude is critically important to protect the health of people.

The participants had a chance to visit Minami Sanriku Town and additional seminar in Tokyo and visit U.S.A. for two weeks in middle of August to learn about disaster medicine and emergency management system in U.S. Participants will grow up by digesting what they learn and change it into the motivation in their career.



Prof. Shinichi Egawa



Participants and organizing members.

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