

## The 10<sup>th</sup> Philippine National Health Research System Week Celebration (2016/8/10-11)

Topics: Research and Development for Health and Environment  
Venue: Citystate Asturias Hotel (Puerto Princessa, Philippines)

On Aug. 10-11, The 10<sup>th</sup> Philippine National Health Research System (PNHRS) Week Celebration was held in Puerto Princessa in Palawan Island, Philippines. Professor Shinichi Egawa was invited as an international resource person and made two presentations on the panel discussions.

PNHRS lead by Department of Science and Technology (DOST) has been promoting the research and development on health using the frameworks and funding for 10 years and holds the Week Celebration every year in various locations in Philippines. The 10<sup>th</sup> meeting this year was in Puerto Princessa in Palawan Island and gathered more than 500 delegates of health researchers and researchers in disaster risk reduction (DRR) from entire regions. Prof. Shinichi Egawa gave the presentation in the Panel Discussion “National research agenda for health and disaster risk reduction” and “Philippines as research hub for global health to cope with Climate Change and Natural Hazards”. Prof. Egawa emphasized the importance of evidence based research and scientific and technological development to implement the health aspect of Sendai Framework.

The Week Celebration also provides the learning opportunity for the young researchers the skills to write English publications, to plan the research projects including the aging society and the to protect the confidential information. The delegates were encouraged to raise their research motivations and skills through various awarding to the bright research, mentoring and even the quality certifications of the institutional review boards.

It is highly appreciated that DOST, Department of Health (DOH) and other agencies of Philippine Government are promoting the research on health and DRR. They also promote the transdisciplinary knowledge sharing between health sector and other sectors. In the panel discussions, the outcome and the accessibility of Project NOAH was show to the delegates and it was remarkable everybody in Philippines can access their own hazard risk. The importance of imagination of disaster and risk communication, risk perception, inclusion of private sectors were also nicely presented to the health workers. DOH plays a significant role in research funding and human resources to convince the delegates that Philippines can be a hub of research for health to cope with the climate change and all hazard.

Philippines has 7000 islands and the Palawan Province has 1700 islands and more than 100 tribes. The image of the society with economic growth and promotion of science and technology reminds the rapid growing phase of Japan after World War II. Yet there are huge diversity of the situations of infrastructure such as roads, water and sewage, individual houses, up to the nutritional status. It is of great interest that how Philippines sustainably develop their society in 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Philippines will surely serve as a hub for health research to cope with the climate change and natural disasters, promote the collaboration and coordination and be the important partner with IRIDeS and Japan. The Week Celebration will be held in Mindanao Island next year.



Prof. Virginia Murray presenting the Sendai Framework and climate change related health damage in UK



Health and non-health delegates from all region of Philippines



Prof. Shinichi Egawa presenting the research agenda for health



Dr. Aileen Espina, a previous Director, Eastern Visayas' s Regional Hospital presenting the damages, response and reconstructing process after Typhoon Haiyan



Prof. Shinichi Egawa presenting the ideas for Philippines to be hub of research and innovation for health to cope with the climate change and natural disasters.



The organizers and the resource persons

Shinichi Egawa (Division of Disaster Medical Research)