International Symposium on Public Health Recovery after the Great East Japan Earthquake

Should a disaster strike, can you protect thousands of lives?

Sendai International Center

2013.3.7 (THU)  Registration: 9:00 ~ Program: 9:30 ~ 18:00  Reception: 18:00 ~
3.8 (FRI)  Registration: 8:30 ~ Program: 9:00 ~ 12:00

March 7
- **Keynote Lecture “Public Health Recovery Activities after natural disasters: Principles and challenges”**
  Mr. Alex Ross, Director of WHO Kobe Centre

- **Project Update “Public Health Recovery after the Great East Japan Earthquake: Experiences in selected areas of Miyagi prefecture” and “Film on Public Health Recovery in Ishinomaki City”**
  Prof. Hitoshi Oshitani and Prof. Kayoko Hirano, Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine.

- **Panel Discussion 1 “Experience in Great East Japan Earthquake: Public Health Response to the disaster”**
  Moderator: Prof. Ichiro Tsuji, Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine
  Panelists (tentative): Disaster affected municipalities (Miyagi Prefecture), Support municipalities (Outside the prefecture)

- **Panel Discussion 2 “Experience of Public Health Recovery in Asian Countries”**
  Moderator: Prof. Hitoshi Oshitani, Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine
  Panelists (tentative): Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Sri Lanka

March 8
- **Panel Discussion 3 “Role and Responsibility of Public Health Nurses during recovery process”**
  Moderator: Prof. Kayoko Hirano, Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine
  Panelists (tentative): Disaster affected municipalities (Fukushima Prefecture and Miyagi Prefecture), China, Hong Kong

Organized by Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine
Co-organized by Miyagi Prefecture, WHO Western Pacific Regional Office, Sasakawa Peace Foundation

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Road to Public Health Recovery in Tohoku Region

Recovery is one of the least understood areas in disaster management and the systematic documentation and analysis of the recovery process, especially in public health, have been rarely conducted. Besides, the experiences and lessons learned from public health responses during past disasters that have occurred in Japan have not been sufficiently shared with the global society.

As part of a wider effort to address these issues, Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine and the World Health Organization Western Pacific Regional Office (WHO/WPRO) reached an agreement for documenting the public health recovery after the Great East Japan Earthquake, which occurred in March 2011. With a financial support from the Sasekawa Peace Foundation (SPF), Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine has been working to document public health recovery after the Great East Japan Earthquake, especially in Oqatsu and Oshika areas in Ishinomaki City, which were some of the hardest hit areas by the earthquake and the tsunami. A final report entitled ‘Public Health Recovery after the Great East Japan Earthquake: Experiences in selected areas of Miyagi prefecture’ will be published in March 2013.

The International Symposium on Public Health Recovery after the Great East Japan Earthquake will be held on March 7 and 8 at Sendai International Center in Sendai, Japan, which is organized by Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine. This symposium is not only an opportunity to launch the report on public health recovery but also to share experiences from other Asian countries with similar disaster experiences. The symposium organizers hope to promote a better understanding of public health and public health professionals in disaster recovery, to identify concrete measures that can be taken in public health recovery planning and implementation, and to discuss the possibilities of future partnership among Asian countries.

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■ Access

From Sendai Station
Bus: 10 minutes from Sendai Station (bus stop No.9)
Take bus marked "WB-3背葉台" (AOBAIDO) or "WB-2宮城大" (MIYAKYODAI).
Get off at "博物館-国際センター前" (HAKUBUTSUKAN KOKUSAI CENTER MAE). It is the 5th stop.
Taxi: 7 min from Sendai Station
Walk: 30 min from Sendai Station straight down AOBA DORI Avenue, across the OHASHI-Bridge.

From Sendai Miyagi IC (Super highway) 10 min via Sendai West Road

* Toll Parking: Open: 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Maximum capacity 96 cars (Fee: 200 yen for the first hour, 100 yen each additional 30 minutes)

■ Application Form

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Please check your attendance below

3.7(Thu)  □ Symposium Day1 (9:30 ~ 18:00)  □ Reception (18:00 ~)
3.8(Fri)  □ Symposium Day2 (9:00 ~ 12:00)

Name:
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• Free Lunch will be served for those who applied before 22nd February.
• Welcome reception will be held at La Forest Restaurant (1F) on Day 1, start from 18:00.
• Your personal information will be used only for symposium registration.