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The Sasakawa Peace Foundation Presents a Workshop "Toward Public Health Sector Recovery: Lessons from the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami"

Monday, March 11, 2013, 15:00-18:30

Tokyo, March 1, 2013- The Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF), has funded a research project entitled 'Toward Public Health Sector Recovery: Lessons from the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami. It has produced detailed film and digital footage of the ever-changing needs in public health at the scene of a natural disaster by following the situation in the Tohoku area over a period of 18 months immediately after the Great East Japan Earthquake.

This project conducted by the Center for Community Health, Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine, is the first of its kind worldwide which closely and continuously recorded the process of recovery of health-care system over a long period of time. As a result, we have obtained datum pertaining not only to the short term medical response, but also long term efforts within the public health system and means of strengthening the function of administrative staff involved in reconstructing the public health system after a disaster.

To share the results and present the issues clarified in the project regarding public health and crisis management both in Japan and overseas, we will invite Tadashi Ishii, a professor at Tohoku University Hospital (formerly of Ishinomaki Red Cross Hospital), who has long worked on the front lines at the regions hit by the Great East Japan Earthquake, and Dr. Arturo M Pesigan of the WHO Kobe Center, who has long been involved with disaster support in the Asia Pacific Region, among many other experts in the field of public health.

We welcome you to what promises to be a highly informative event.

Date: Monday, March 11, 2013

Time: 3.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. (Registration opens at 2.30 p.m.)

Venue: Nippon Foundation Bldg 2F, Main Conference Room (Tokyo, Minato-ku, 1-2-2 Akasaka)

5mins on foot from Toranomom (Ginza Line) or Tameikesanno Stn.

Map: www.spf.org/profile/access.html

English/Japanese, with simultaneous interpretation

Admission and registration: Admission is free. Advance registration is required. Please register using the attached form, or online by Thursday, March 7. (http://www.spf.org/e/event/article_8708.html)

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◇ Program ◇

15:00 to 15:10	Opening remarks: Junko Chano, Executive Director of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation
15:10 to 15:40	Keynote Speech: Dr. Arturo M Pesigan WHO Centre for Health Development Public health recovery after natural disasters: Principles and challenges
15:40 to 16:10	Speech by Prof. Hitoshi Oshitani Professor of Department of Virology, Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine, Vice Director of Center for Community Health “Findings from the project”
16:10 to 16:30	DVD screening, Ms. Mari Sato Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine
16:45 to 17:45	Comments from public health experts Prof. Tadashi Ishii Professor, Tohoku University Hospital “Experiences and Challenges in Ishinomaki medical region” Dr. Hitoshi Murakami Bureau of International Medical Cooperation, National Center for Global Health and Medicine, Japan “Lessons learned in Higashi Matsushima-city” Prof. Toshiyuki Ojima Professor, Hamamatsu University School of Medicine “Challenges for the Japanese Public Health System” Dr. Yasuhiro Kanatani Department of Health Crisis Management, National Institute of Public Health “A Public Health System for Natural Disaster Responses in Japan”
17:45 to 18:30	Panel Discussion and Q&A session Moderator: Prof. Hitoshi Oshitani
18:30	Close

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