

The Second EBM- Training of Trainers: Brief Report

The second Evidenced-based Medicine- Training of Trainers was held at Fukushima Medical University School of Medicine, Department of Public Health, Japan, May 12-19, 2012 (including international and domestic travels). This was the second EBM trainer training course co-organized by the Department of Public Health of Fukushima Medical University School of Medicine and University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Ho Chi Minh City. The course was sponsored by the JICA Partnership Program (Local Government Type), and supported by the Ho Chi Minh City Medical Association, Ho Chi Minh City Health Service and Japan Epidemiological Association. The course targeted university lecturers and mid- to senior-level clinical instructors in Ho Chi Minh City, and offered a basic training in managing and teaching epidemiology and biostatistics courses. The primary objective of this course was to expose trainees to various types of epidemiology training modules and to plan a module on their own.

We registered 10 participants including the Deputy Rector of University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Ho Chi Minh City, Prof. Tran Diep Tuan and the Vice Chair of Ho Chi Minh City Medical Association, Prof. Nguyen Thy Khue. We were also honored by the presence of JICA officers from the Tohoku headquarter.

The training course started on Monday (14th) at Tokyo International Center (TIC-JICA) including lectures and a site visit to Juntendo University, which was coordinated by A/Prof. Hirohide Yokokawa. The following day, Tuesday (15th), Dr. Kumiko Soejima at St. Luke's Life Science Institute arranged lectures, a site visit and a lunch meeting.

Vietnamese team was very much motivated to build their own clinical epidemiology unit after visiting these model sites in Tokyo. In the afternoon the team joined Fukushima City, welcomed by the project manager who led a short briefing of training that took place at the hotel.

On Wednesday (16th) morning, a visit at Fukushima prefectural office was organized and the Deputy Director of the International Affairs Division, Mr. Makoto Watanabe and his staff warmly welcomed the Vietnamese team. A meeting was coordinated by Mr. Hideyuki Fukushima and held at a prefecture office during which Fukushima prefecture and Vietnam were introduced to the audience with attractive pictures. In the afternoon, participants attended two lectures. The first lecture was delivered by Prof. Seiji Yasumura, head of the department of Public health, Fukushima Medical University. He briefly described the Fukushima Health Management Survey established in the aftermath of the nuclear power plant accident. During the second lecture, A/Professor Aya

Goto, the project manager, outlined the project management and shared her experience about MPH (Master in Public Health) program at Harvard School of Public Health.

On Thursday (17th) morning, in addition to lectures and discussion about teaching tips and English Journal Club organization by myself, a special session was organized in collaboration with Prof. Kenneth Nollet who kindly accepted to let our Vietnamese colleagues actively participate in his English class, a unique opportunity to see how Fukushima medical students are practicing presentations skill. Dr Tran Viet Thang also took advantage of the situation to talk about Vietnam and the moment was deeply moving. In the afternoon, A/Prof. Chihaya Koriyama from Kagoshima University and Japan Epidemiological Association discussed about the teaching modules at her University and the association, followed by a special session about parenting research with Dr. Yuriko Suzuki from National Mental Health Institute, through Skype. After the special session, the Dean of Fukushima Medical University School of Medicine, Prof. Hitoshi Ohto greeted the team and exchanged ideas about future collaboration between both institutions.

On Friday (18th) morning and early afternoon, trainees practiced epidemiology and biostatistics lecture and consultation. The session was very critical and, especially much appreciated as it meant that trainees were able to put into practice what they have been learning. Similarly, it also allowed trainers to evaluate capacities of trainees for further improvement. In the end of the training, Mr. Takayuki Tsuji from JICA Tohoku chaired the summary and evaluation meeting.

The Closing Ceremony took place on Friday 18th from 15:15 to 16:15. It started by the greeting from Prof. Seiji Yasumura (Head of the Department of Public Health, Fukushima Medical University). Prof. Tran Diep Tuan (Deputy Rector, University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Ho Chi Minh City) and Prof. Nguyen Thy Khue (Vice Chair, Ho Chi Minh City Medical Association) made a presentation during which they outlined future expansion of the current project and the idea was favorably welcomed by JICA representatives. After the presentation, constructive and encouraging comments about the training course were made by Mr. Hideyuki Fukushima (Chief, International Affairs Division, Fukushima Prefectural Office), Dr. Yumiko Kanari (Director, Minami Aizu Prefectural Health Center), and Mr. Mitsutaka Uchijima (Director, Partnership Program Division, JICA Tohoku). The highlight of the ceremony was the certificates conferment by Mr. Uchijima and Prof. Yasumura followed by photographic session.

We are indebted to all our staff members who assisted us and carried out varied tasks in order to make the working atmosphere very convivial and we also extend our heartfelt

gratitude to course organizers, project managers, and sponsors and look forward to the Training Course V-3 in July which will be focusing on scientific papers writing.

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Briefing of training in Fukushima
by A/Prof. Goto



Visit at Fukushima prefectural office,
International Affair Division



Opening speech at lunch meeting
by Prof. Yasumura



Lecture by Prof. Yasumura



Visit at Fukushima Survey Management office
(Drs. Vinh, Tu Van and Yasumura)



Lecture by A/Prof. Ngoma



Medical students English presentation class



Presentation by Dr. Thang



Profs. Tuan and Nollet



Lecture by A/Prof. Koriyama



Meeting with Prof. Ohto, Dean of Fukushima Medical University School of Medicine



Practice of epidemiology and biostatistics consultation (Drs Suzuki and Ngoc)



Practice of epidemiology and biostatistics lecture. (Dr. Khoa)



Practice of epidemiology and biostatistics lecture (Dr. Trung)



Summary and evaluation meeting (Mr. Tsuji, JICA Tohoku)



Concluding remarks (Prof. Yasumura)



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(Mr. Uchijima, JICA Tohoku)



Concluding remarks
(Mr. Fukushima, Fukushima Prefecture)



Concluding remarks
(Dr. Kanari, Minami Aizu Prefectural Health Center)



Certificates Conferment
(Prof. Khue, Mr. Uchijima)



Certificates Conferment
(Dr. Tu Van, Prof. Yasumura)

