

TOMODACHI J&J Disaster Nursing Seminars (2018/6/9, 7/21)

Topics: Deepening of disaster response and nurturing leaderships
 Venue: IRIDeS, Tohoku University (Sendai, Japan)

On Jun. 9 (Sat) and Jul. 21 (Sat), Prof. Shinichi Egawa co-organized the 4th Disaster Nursing program with TOMODACHI Initiatives by US-Japan Council and Johnson & Johnson in IRIDeS, Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan.

This program is promoting the deepening of disaster response and nurturing leaderships in the nursing students from or in the nursing schools in the Great East Japan Earthquake affected area, who are interested in disaster medicine, maternal and child health, mental health nursing with international vision. The program has twice pre-seminars, two weeks visit of United States, post-activities, and reporting conference to enhance the achievements and leaderships of the delegates. The remarkable achievement of preceding delegates of the first three years made it possible to continue this program for another three years. Seven students joined this year. The disaster nursing mentors are also learning the mentorships within the two pre-seminars.

Professor Shinichi Egawa made a lecture of fundamental concept of disaster risk reduction and disaster medicine. He outlined the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the role of health sector and the importance of new concept of stakeholders in Sendai Framework to reduce the disaster risk at all phase.

In the first pre-seminar, the delegates learned the experience of the preceding delegates and express what they want to learn and achieve within this program. They also learned how to express their own experience of disaster. There was a field trip in Minamisanriku town listening to the experience from Story Teller, visiting the Okawa Elementary School to realize their own learning and what to convey to people.

In the second pre-seminar, we encourage the delegates to clarify and realize the target of learning and achievement through this program. They have to declare their own target to translate their own aim with the surrounding people and to take an action using leaderships. The Ms. Emily Dorosz from National Children's Medical Center made a lecture of disaster medicine and disaster nursing. Simultaneous translation from English to Japanese made it possible for the delegates to understand the lecture better.

They will go to the U.S. in August and visit Washington D.C. and New York to learn about the medical system in U.S. and counter measures for disasters including terrorism and hurricanes. Disaster medicine is not the only topic for the young nursing students, but throughout the program, we encourage the self-progression as a nurse in global and local contexts.



Prof. Egawa lecturing about fundamental concept of disaster medicine



Delegates, preceding delegates, mentors, and staff members