

Faculty of Public Health UI Science Festival (2017/9/18-19)

Topics: Public Health and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

Venue: School of Public Health, Universitas Indonesia(Jakarta)

On September 18, 2017, Professor Shinichi Egawa of Disaster Medical Science Division, IRIDeS lectured at the Faculty of Public Health UI Science Festival that is a combined congress of the 3rd International Meeting of Public Health (IMOPH) and the 1st Young Scholar Symposium on Public Health.

UI (Universitas Indonesia) has a large scale School of Public Health consisted of Faculties of Public Health, Community Health, Hospital Administration, Environmental Health, Nutrition and Occupational Health. It educates more than 3,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

The Science festival aims at the Research that is facilitating the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Indonesian Government implemented the national health insurance system to achieve Universal Health Coverage in SDGs from 2014 aiming at its completion in 2019. International renowned guest speakers from Australia, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Japan presented their research. There were number of parallel symposia that covers SDG, Health Promotion, Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Disease, Non-Communicable Disease, Environmental Health, Health Crisis and Disaster, Mental Health, Urban and Rural Health and Inequity of Health Service.

Prof. Egawa lectured about disaster medicine and the concept of disaster risk reduction according to the Sendai Framework, the change of medical needs in disaster and the analysis of disaster medicine using simulation software.

The Science festival encourages young scholars to present their ongoing research and publications, together with performing arts within the campus. Students enjoyed singing, dancing and playing instruments beside of hard working as administrative task forces.

Health is the fundamental human right that is the target of cluster approach. Health cluster should collaborate with other clusters to protect human, animal and environmental health. Every session emphasized the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration including Sendai Framework, SDGs and climate change framework. The outreach from health cluster should be understandable and assertive with other clusters..

One of the most impressive lecture was about the mental health of people with HIV. People living with HIV has various mental health issues and perception of their health situation. Thus, the effective infection control and prevention requires behavioral approach. Another lecturer who has disability himself, gave very important talk that we have to consider the issues of people with disability as a matter of “us” instead of thinking as a matter of “them”. Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction emphasizes the involvement of people with disability, women, children and youth, indigenous people as stakeholders. To “Leave No One Behind”, we have to consider the DRR, SDGs and Climate Change as a matter of “us”. The mental health of people with disability is strongly affected by the social discrimination, self-stigmatization and ignorance. We have to re-consider the disaster risk reduction for everybody as a matter of “us”.

The Science Festival UI attracts various scientists and students and has definitely bright future.

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Prof. Shinichi Egawa, chairperson, and guests in the symposium



Plenary venue and active audience



Performing arts in campus.



Photo session



Disability is not the matter of “them”,
it is “our” matter.