

Issues on Hazard Information during 2015 Kanto-Tohoku Heavy Rain Disaster from the View Point of a Health and Medical Responder

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The author will talk about the outline of his activities on health and medical assistance in Joso and Tsukuba city during Kanto-Tohoku heavy rain disaster in 2015, and also provide information on the workers' response of Joso health center to the emergency warnings such as the evacuation alert with the intention of enhancing discussions for better countermeasures. National Institute of Public Health (NIPH), in which the author works, is a national agency under the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare for conducting research that yields evidence-base of public health policies as well as providing training courses for health center workers. The institute is now discussing the curriculum of health emergency management to improve countermeasures on public health during large-scale disasters. The author also takes part in "Enhancement of Societal Resiliency against Natural Disasters", one of the topics of "Cross-ministerial Strategic Innovation Promotion (SIP) Program" of Council for Science, Technology and Innovation and conduct research on the information sharing among multiple agencies during disasters. The author visited Joso city and Tsukuba health center during Kanto-Tohoku heavy rain disaster in 2015 to reveal issues to be tackled in SIP program. The author will focus on the initial response of health center workers revealed by the interview to the director of the health center in his presentation.

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