

### JMA Training Course on JMAT Activities in Disaster Medicine

This issue presents in full the content of the JMA's CME (continuing medical education) program targeted at all physicians who face the possibility of having to respond to some kind of disaster on the front lines of medicine in their community to secure community healthcare and ultimately meeting various demands for relief in zones afflicted by disaster. This program was held on March 10, 2012, just one day before the one-year anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami followed by the explosions at the Fukushima TEPCO Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant, and was attended by representatives of prefectural medical associations nationwide who are in charge of emergency and disaster medicine within their respective associations, and health professionals and staff involved in JMAT (Japan Medical Association Team).

The program became an international lecture course, with not only a review of Japanese data presented as an ex post facto report on the Great East Japan Earthquake disaster but also presentations made from multi-dimensional general perspectives aimed at establishing a certain level of preparedness for any kind of combined disaster in Japan today, and with speakers including several guests from overseas. Japanese-English simultaneous translation was provided to facilitate sufficient understanding amongst the participants.



The training course held in the first floor auditorium of the JMA Building

I am grateful to all the participants and for all the support provided by colleagues and staff to make this program successful. I am also very grateful to all the distinguished speakers who kindly permitted the full text of their presentations to be included in the JMAJ, which enables all of these efforts of the JMA at the current standard level of disaster preparedness to be shared with medical associations and medical institutions in other countries, better enabling them to meet the needs and demands of disaster victims throughout the world.

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