

## **Questionnaire in 2012 (excerpts)**

### **1. Did you experience anything useful in this training?**

- I learned a lot about the effects of radiation on the human body.
- Education system is well-organized and the institutions were linked to each other.

### **2. For what purposes exactly are you going to use the knowledge and skills that you have acquired through this training?**

- I will try medical care and check-ups for A-bomb survivors as according to what I learned in the HICARE program. I will also look into medical support projects for them.
- I will share the knowledge I obtained in the program with my colleagues and friends back home. I will continue my research on the effects of radiation on the human body.

### **3. Please tell us your opinion of this training in order to improve HICARE's projects. What do you think of the curriculum and the length of this training?**

- It was almost a perfect program, so I see nothing to be improved. I just hope that it will continue in the current system to get more outcomes.
- I think the best thing is that a peaceful world will continue forever, but at the same time, I think it is necessary to educate people about how to deal with the possible radiation emergencies.

## **4. Stay in Hiroshima**

### **(1) What impression did you have of staying in Hiroshima?**

- Hiroshima was such a peaceful city and I could never imagine until I saw the Peace Memorial Park where downtown was before the A-bombing, and other preserved buildings and items. People were all kind and gentle.
- I saw tragic photos and exhibitions in the Peace Memorial Museum, and was touched to imagine how devastated the condition was and how hard people worked to rebuild Hiroshima into the calm and peaceful city it is today.

### **(2) Please tell us about what you felt to be inconvenient during the stay in Hiroshima.**

- I didn't feel much inconveniences. The only thing was shopping. There were some stores and supermarkets near my lodging and the prices were so different, so I was a little confused.

## **5. Impressions about the training**

- In spite of the tight schedule, lecturers were so faithful and enthusiastic.
- I was impressed by the efforts of doctors and staff of HICARE related institutions for building structured management systems of A-bomb survivors. Especially, the Director of Health Management & Promotion Center (Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Casualty Council). I will not forget him for his attitude of doing his absolute best in giving a passionate lecture and in answering many questions from us.

- I was impressed with the Radiation Effects Research Foundation which has been making a number of systematic and technical research studies on A-bomb survivors. They were totally different from what I knew. The findings of these research have been shared worldwide and utilized for medical care of and researches on the A-bomb survivors in many hospitals.
- I was shocked to hear that many patients died during evacuation after the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant accident. I totally agree with the lecturer's opinion that it is necessary to prepare for radiation emergencies and prevent this kind of tragedy from happening again.