

Questionnaire in 2013 (excerpts)

1. Did you experience anything useful in this training?

- HICARE Training Program was very informative as it covers all the necessary elements for understanding the effects of radiation on the human body.
- Before I came to Hiroshima, I only had a vague image about the damage caused by A-bombing. However, seeing, feeling and hearing what really happened after the bombing, was an extremely valuable experience for me. I was also impressed with the systematic medical care and support for A-bomb survivors in Japan.

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

- Since our hospital receives many A-bomb survivors, I will share what I learned in the training with my hospital colleagues. I will be more considerate and sympathetic to my patients who survived the A-bombing.
- I will share the knowledge I obtained in the training with my colleagues, and prepare for possible radiation emergencies.

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?

- The duration of the training was ideal. I could efficiently visit many significant institutions in a short time. Participating in the program with other doctors with different specialties enabled us to learn from various points of view and to build a new network.
- I am totally satisfied with the quality, curriculum, and duration of the training.

4. Stay in Hiroshima

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

- Hiroshima is a very friendly city and my hotel was in an ideal location serving very nice breakfast. I enjoyed Okonomi-yaki at a restaurant, they welcomed me like a local.
- The lagoon city of Hiroshima with calm rivers is quiet and a beautiful place. People are so kind and generous. I felt that it was nothing but the efforts of citizens which made the city which was reconstructed from the devastation by the A-bombing 68 years ago into a sacred place.

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

- I felt no inconvenience except for a slight difficulty in communication in a different language.
- I hoped to find more traffic signs and restaurant menus in English.

5. Impressions about the training

- I am so grateful to have been invited to such a wonderful training program. I hope this

program will continue for sharing the knowledge and skills which Hiroshima accumulated with medical professionals around the world.

- HICARE Training has had a truly profound impact on me which I will never forget. I will definitely stay in touch with the doctors I met in the program. Please extend my warm gratitude to the doctors and also to HICARE secretariat members who did a fantastic job in arranging all this.
- The HICARE program was very efficient and informative with a diverse spectrum of key persons in HICARE related organizations who participated as speakers and demonstrators in such a short time of only 1 week. I know how hard it is to keep continuing a program for more than 20 years but your team has been doing it! Congratulations!! I hope this HICARE program continues for much more.