

## **Questionnaire in 2019 (excerpts)**

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

- This training in RERF was instructive and really beneficial. I learned new skills, new methods and approaches, deepened my knowledge about radiation effects and got better understanding about radiation exposure effects in human organism.
- Lectures given by both Dr. Hirohashi and Dr, Kamada became opportunities for me to renew the idea on response to radiation emergency. Now I understand that in an unpredictable situation, we need to make a decision without being constrained by conventional fixed ideas.
- I came to Hiroshima, as a Japanese Descendant, and Hiroshima Atomic Bomb History is heart touching. The explanation of the Hiroshima Atomic Bomb and the consequences is clear for me now, as a medical doctor.

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

- I hope to be able to share this knowledge with the Disaster Healthcare Volunteers. There are many topics I could choose from. I believe most would be interested in what I learned about chromosomal damage due to radiation exposure.
- I would like to make a manual on radiation protection by going further out of general concepts of it and considering how we should response under unpredictable situations.
- I hope to share what I have learned here with our students and colleagues at my academic institution, raising their awareness of health effects of radiation exposure from nuclear weapons/incidents. I hope that these interactions will inspire new efforts to engage both scientifically and clinically to build collaborative linkages with Japanese researchers and clinicians.

### **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 programs on actual responses to the events as well as listening to the A-bomb survivor's story were good. Furthermore, practical workshop on response to radiation emergency would be helpful for me. (In the case, the training program would need two or three more days)
- Personally, I wanted to see the facilities of Radiation therapy. Unfortunately, there wasn't any opportunity in the curriculum.

### **4. Stay in Hiroshima**

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

- Very nice city – not too large of a city. People are kind, educated+ health-conscious.
- The experience of walking around Peace Park and Hiroshima Castle.

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

- My stay in Hiroshima is amazing, without inconveniences. The city is very easy and safety to move in downtown and arounds. The hotel is near the restaurants and the bus stop is in front the hotel.
- I would have also liked to hear more about the difficulties encountered by the research foundation (RERF) and hospitals; the psychologic effects on the people , and the social support system.

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

- Listening to A-bomb survivor's story at A-bomb survivors' nursing home was truly painful as if I had actual experience of the incidents which I had learned at Peace Memorial Park, Peace Park and A-Bomb dome beforehand.
- I am so grateful for your hospitality and the opportunity to meet you all. I hope that this visit was the beginning of new and broader conversations into how we might engage again in the future.