



# News Letter No. 7



## Project for Improvement of Hospital Management Competency

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### 1. Dr. Dang Thi Van Trang gave a presentation in the International Congress of Chemotherapy and Infection.

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Dr. Dang Thi Van Trang, Deputy Head of the Infection Control Department, and I attended the 30th International Congress of Chemotherapy and Infection 2017 (ICC 2017), which was held in Taipei City from November 24 to 27.

There were joint sessions with the Asia Pacific Society of Infection Control (APSIC) and the Taiwan Society of Microbiology. It was very useful to obtain the latest information in this field. The conference included 93 verbal presentations and more than 1,200 poster presentations by the participants from across the world. Dr. Trang had the opportunity to give an oral presentation.



The main venue of ICC 2017



Dr. Trang giving a presentation at the oral session

Dr. Trang gave a presentation on the subject of “Effectiveness of Anti-bacterial Linen in Prevention of Hospital Acquired Infections” in front of a lot of audience at the oral session.

Our Project gave her full support for this presentation. We held meetings many times and had several rehearsals in preparation for this presentation. Dr. Trang completed the big role successfully and advertised the cooperation between Cho Ray Hospital and JICA.

Regarding the operation of the conference, I was impressed by the signboards for participants to sign their names and the world map board to mark their home countries which were placed near the reception. It was easy to understand how many people had participated and where they had come from. In addition, it was effective for the participants to raise their sense of participation. There were also various services such as frequent notice by e-mails to confirm the schedule.

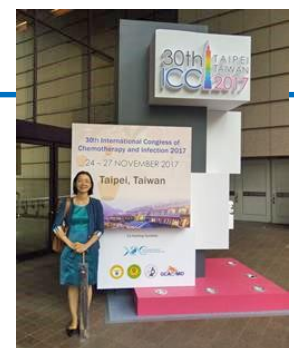
The 9th International Congress of the Asia Pacific Society of Infection Control (APSIC 2019) will be held in Viet Nam on March 19-22, 2019. Dr. Le Thi Anh Thu, Head of the Infection Control Department, Cho Ray Hospital will take the chair. I expect the Infection Control Department at Cho Ray Hospital will play a leading role in the conference, and I am sure Dr. Trang will fully take advantage of this experience.



World map board to mark the participants' countries

#### Feedback from Dr. Dang Thi Van Trang :

“I had an opportunity to take part in and present at ICC 2017 in Taiwan. During the conference, I learned a lot of useful things such as new knowledge about infection control, as well as practical experience from colleagues from other parts of the world. I am very happy to have the chance to share the results of a study on antibacterial linen, and answer the questions given by some participants. Finally, I sincerely thank JICA for the support, especially Ms. Kurosu for accompanying me in attending the congress. It was a memorable experience for me.”



At the venue of ICC 2017

## 2. Dr. Kutsuna, short-term expert conducted the lectures on the Antimicrobial Stewardship.

Dr. Satoshi Kutsuna from the Disease Control and Prevention Center, National Center for Global Health and Medicine (NCGM), visited Cho Ray Hospital for the second time as a short-term expert of JICA from December 18 to 26, 2017.

Following his first visit in June 2017, he carried out meetings and gave technical advice mainly on the antimicrobial stewardship to the counterparts in Cho Ray Hospital.

He gave a lecture to 100 doctors and nurses who were members of the Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee in Cho Ray Hospital about “Infection Disease Consultation and the Role of Antimicrobial Stewardship Team” in the Antimicrobial Stewardship Seminar held on December 20.



Dr. Kutsuna conducting a lecture on the Antimicrobial Stewardship



Dr. Kutsuna taking rounds in General ICU

Dr. Kutsuna introduced the situation of antimicrobial stewardship in Japan and suggested the indicator to be monitored (the quantity of antimicrobial usage notification, the quotient of specimen submission before using Carbapenem, etc.), the case to be intervened (the case of using antimicrobial that requires permission, the case of administering Carbapenem in the long term, etc.) and the appropriate feedback (de-escalation, cessation of antimicrobial, etc.).

He also conducted a lecture on the prevention of surgical site infection (SSI) for the doctors and nurses in the Orthopedics Department on December 22. He emphasized the importance of sufficient cleansing of the wounded part and the timely administration of antimicrobial in the perioperative period during the discussion session after the lecture.

## 3. Visit to Lam Dong General Hospital – for safe patient transportation –

Mai INADA, JICA intern (medical personnel)

My name is Mai INADA. I am working on the Project as a JICA intern from January 3 to March 30. I visited Lam Dong General Hospital together with Dr. Wada, Mr. Moriyama, Dr. Le Phuoc Dai from the Emergency Department and Ms. Dong Nguyen Phuong Uyen from the Nursing Department, Cho Ray Hospital from January 10 to 11.

We had a meeting with doctors and nurses who were involved in patient transportation in Lam Dong General Hospital. They mentioned their daily attempt for safe patient transportation such as evaluation of the patient's actual condition, assessment of a risk of sudden deterioration and preparation of medical equipment and medicines. At the same time, they implied the difficulty of managing patient care, treatment for sudden deterioration and care for the patient's family by a nurse alone. We found room for improvement toward much safer transportation such as visualization of the preparatory process, standardization of patient's assessment, and recording and sharing of information on patient's condition in the ambulance.

I am planning to visit other provincial hospitals. I will discuss developing of some practical tools such as a checklist for necessary action, an ambulance report form, etc. with the counterparts of Cho Ray Hospital during my internship period.

### Profile of Dr. Mai INADA

Dr. Inada is an acute care specialist certified by the Japanese Association for Acute Medicine. She graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of Oita University in 2010, and then worked at the Emergency Department of Japanese Red Cross Nagoya Daini Hospital and the Emergency Department of Hyogo Prefectural Kakogawa Medical Center. Now she is taking her master's degree in Business Administration in International Health Management in Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute.



Dr. Inada (center) at Lam Dong General Hospital

### Upcoming activities:

February 25-March 2: Dr. Masao Hashimoto, short-term expert (Respiratory Medicine, NCGM) will visit CRH

March 4-10: Dr. Jiro Machida, short-term expert (Clinical Pathway, Saiseikai Kumamoto Hospital) will visit CRH

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