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1. Seminar on Respiratory Care for safety weaning from mechanical ventilation

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Dr. Masao HASHIMOTO, Department of Respiratory Medicine, National Center for Global Health and Medicine (NCGM), visited Cho Ray Hospital (CRH) from December 23 to 29 2018.

JICA project supports Respiratory Support Team (RST) which consists of multidisciplinary department for safety respiratory care. RST will conduct weekly rounds on 12 departments which handle ventilator.

JICA, RST and Infection Control Department held the seminar on Respiratory Care for safety weaning from mechanical ventilation for doctors and nurses working at the departments.



Discussion with participants



Dr. Hashimoto's lecture about patient assessment with sedation and safety weaning

Dr. HASHIMOTO introduced activities of respiratory care at NCGM such as assessment tool for patient with sedation. Dr. Phùng Mạnh Thắng, head of Infection Control Department introduced Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia care bundle and protocol of weaning from ventilator at CRH. Dr. Vũ Hoài Nam, RST team of Pulmonary Department reported results of improvement through RST round at CRH.

50 participants including doctors and nurses at CRH, students and doctors from other hospitals attended the seminar.

2. Tumor Board for Lung Cancer

As a multi-departmental team medicine, JICA project supports Tumor Board for Lung Cancer. For patients who have difficulty in diagnosis and treatment, Chemo-Radio Therapy Department, Pulmonary Department, Thoracic Surgery Department, Diagnostic Imaging Department, Pathology Department and General Planning Department discussed the best treatment based on their expertise. Dr. HASHIMOTO attended the Tumor Board and advised measures for accurate diagnosis and Tumor Board operation.



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3. International clinical fellow training program

National Center for Global Health and Medicine International clinical fellow Minsoo LEE-YOSHIMOTO

The international clinical fellow program, which is being conducted by National Center for Global Health and Medicine, is aimed to train young doctors as human resource for global health. As a fellow, I have involved myself into many activities of the JICA project in Cho Ray Hospital, especially regarding with measures for healthcare associated infection (HAI) control. This was the third visit to Cho Ray Hospital; the first visit was for two weeks in December 2017, and the second visit was for three months from September to November 2018. This visit was for three weeks in January, 2019 and the primary purposes of this visit were to do follow-up and review of my past activities.

I deepened my understanding of the present conditions and challenges of HAI control in Vietnam through attending the JICA expert's activities. I supported two surveys in this project: the quality assessment of ventilator-associated pneumoniae (VAP) care bundle compliance and the surgical site infection (SSI) surveillance analysis. VAP and SSI are the most important HAI in Cho Ray Hospital, and I discussed with Dr. Kurosu and members of the infection control department in Cho Ray Hospital about the current situations and measurements. It was so honored to be able to contribute to this project and Cho Ray Hospital. I want to keep working hard to be a future global leader in the field of international health cooperation, making use of great experiences in Cho Ray Hospital.



Meeting with Dr. Thang (Head of Infection Control Department)



At opening ceremony for Central Sterile Supply Department

I'll be seeing you again!

Shoji MATSUMOTO, (Former) Project Coordinator I came back to Japan after finishing two-year term in Cho Ray Hospital on December 19.

I remember it as if it was yesterday that I met the Project counterparts in Cho Ray Hospital for the first time after arriving at Ho Chi Minh City alone in December 2016.

Since then, I always felt the deep trust and friendship of the staff of Cho Ray Hospital to us Japanese while I worked in the Project.



With the staff of Nursing Department



At the Project office

I think we should remember that the trust and friendship are the result of the 50 years of efforts by a lot of predecessors of both Cho Ray Hospital and Japanese side.

And I am happy and proud to have been able to take part in the history, no matter how little.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all of counterparts in Cho Ray Hospital, Japanese experts and the members of related organizations. Thank you very much.

Hen gap lai (See you again)!

From Japan, January 2019