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WKC Forum:
"Creating resilience society and community for ageing society in disaster situations"
20 February 2015 (Friday) 14:00–16:00
Venue: Training Room #6, Hyogo Nursing Association

Background and outline of the Forum

During the last 20 years since the 1995 Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake in Japan, a great deal of effort has been made in communities and by local and national Governments, and international levels to prepare, respond, and recover from natural disasters. The 2005 Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) was adopted by all countries to address disaster risk reduction, while agencies such as WHO, UNDP, UNISDR, etc. have developed specific guidance for the various parts of the disaster continuum. The HFA has been evaluated and is the basis for discussion for its revision at the March 2015 World Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai. Many lessons have been learned in the past decade, including from the Great East Japan Earthquake, and from so many other disasters across the world. This has led to a great need to share the lessons on to achieve the current goal on how to create a resilient society and community.

Japan is the world's most super-aged society in the world. As a result, aged populations were much more affected in the 1995 Great Hanshin Awaji Earthquake and in the 2011 GEJE. There are many implications from the vulnerability of older populations that help us better understand how to better prepare, respond, and support survivors. Older persons are also important parts members of the community that can help lead and contribute to resilient communities.

One of the largest issues confronting communities is caring for survivors that include health, psycho-social, and physical issues.

This forum will provide an opportunity to discuss lessons from past disasters to guide how to create a more resilient ageing society that can better prepare for future disasters and support survivors. These lessons will be useful for future dissemination.

At this forum, WKC is inviting four Japanese experts in the field of disaster nursing, social welfare for elderly people, psychology and community healthcare who will share their experiences and discuss how to develop a resilient society and community for ageing society in disaster situations.

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Language

Japanese
English remarks for the Opening and Closing will be consecutively translated into Japanese.

Programme

14:00～14:10	Opening remarks
14:10～15:25	Presentations
15:25～15:45	Moderated discussions
15:45～15:55	Q&A
15:55～16:00	Closing remarks

Invited Speakers (in order of presentations)

Speaker	Presentation title (tentative)
Dr Satoko Mitani Associate Professor Unit for Liveable Cities Kyoto University Kyoto, Japan	Older peoples' health after the Great East Japan Earthquake: From the epidemiological perspective
Dr Mayumi Kako Consultant WHO Kobe Centre	Ageing society and disaster: report form global perspective
Mr Kazuhisa Okamoto Health/Welfare Department, Tarumi Ward Office City of Kobe Head of Protection Section in Tarumi Ward Kobe, Japan	Older people's health after the Hanshin Awaji Earthquake: Learning from community support activities
Prof Aiko Yamamoto Director, WHO Collaborating Center for Nursing in Disasters and Health Emergency Management University of Hyogo Hyogo, Japan	Supporting people's health through the activity of Machi-no-Hokenshitu （Public health room in communities）
Dr Sae Ochi Director of Internal Medicine, Soma Central Hospital Fukushima, Japan	Older people's health and strategy for health maintenance after the Great Japan East Earthquake

Note: Proposed Moderator for the discussion is Dr Mayumi Kako

Budget sharing (proposal)

In accordance with precedent in previous forums, WKC Cooperating Committee (JCC) is requested to shoulder the expenses relevant to venue rent, and invited speakers (travel cost and honoraria) following the policies of the Hyogo Prefectural Government/JCC. WKC will be responsible for the fee required for venue set-up.