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We held the 10th seminar on Sexual Transmitted Disease, Control of AIDS and ATL since the “Seminar on Blood Transmitted Diseases: Special Reference to AIDS, ATL, and Hepatitis” had divided into two courses. Our course was taken place independently from February 25 to March 15, 2013 at National Hospital Organization Kumamoto Medical Center and other institutes. This year 16 participants from 11 countries attended the seminar. We were very delighted to be able to hold this successful seminar. Here is an introduction of the each participant, a topic from our seminar, and follow-up the previous participants in Brazil.

Name, gender, present post, institute / hospital and country respectively.

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**A Topic from Our Seminar**

**HIV/AIDS for next decade**

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1. **Introduction**
   Effective antiretroviral therapy (ART) and free support of HIV/AIDS changed the situation of patients. It is well established that increasing proportions of morbidity and mortality in HIV–infected patients are not directly attributable to HIV. With effective combination therapy, the population of HIV-infected patients is aging and now faces rising risks of mortality from age-related comorbid conditions. Furthermore, the worldwide economic crisis may affect the policy and the strategy, which should be required in the immediate future. In addition, what will happen in the next decade?

2. **From Participant’s Lecture**
   To figure out the current issues of HIV/AIDS in the next decade, three participants had lectures during our training course as follow:

   (1) “Retention on ART and LTF in Tanzania” by Dr. Nkingwa M. Mabelele
   (2) “ART Adherence” by Mr. Kwadwo Koduah Owusu
   (3) “Prevention of Mother to Child transmission – Option B+” by Dr. Owen Madeira Musopole.

   And then, we discussed the situation on Lost to follow of clients in each country because this issue would be one of important conclusions of our training course, The 2nd Prevention and Control Measures of AIDS for Next Decade in FY2012.

3. **For control measures in the next decade**
   During and after our training course, we exchanged the constructive opinions among all participants and decided to survey the international situation on Lost to follow-up of clients using the following questionnaire.

   Q1. What is a trend of percentage of Lost to Follow-up (LTF) of PLHIV in care and treatment in your country?
Q2. What are the major reasons for high LTF of PLHIV to care and treatment clinics?
Q3. What strategies are in place or the country is planning to implement to reduce the number of LTF in your country?
Q4. What strategies worked well (best practices) you can recommend for other countries to use in order to reduce the number of LTF clients?

We need our international collaboration against HIV/AIDS now. So you are really appreciated if you’ll be able to participate in the above survey. Please send me the answers to above questions by e-mail (takemots@kumamoto2.hosp.go.jp).

Follow-up in Brazil

We visited Brazil from Jan 26 to Feb 2, 2013 for a follow-up to our AIDS training course at Kumamoto, Japan.

On Jan 29, we met with JICA Ex-participants at JICA Office and I was very glad to see them again!

Name of Ex-participants who attended are as follows:
Dr. Lauro Vieira Perdigão Neto (FY 2008)
Dr. Sávio Bezerra de Souza (FY 2009)
Dr. Fernanda Remigio Nunes (FY 2010)
Dr. Fernanda Dockhorn Costa (FY 2011).

They presented their activities against HIV/AIDS after back to hospital or institute from Japan. Good results and outcome were presented and we could confirm that they achieved their objectives which mentioned in Action Plan.

We also hold Workshop Seminar and visited Ministry of Health, Health Center, UNAIDS and local NGO at Brasilia and Campinas University.

Notices From The Editor

Ladies and gentlemen! Thank you for reading this "NETWORK". How did you like this? The editor wants to ask you a favor. I would like you to tell me your e-mail address in order to get in touch with each other more easily. Please let Dr. Shigeki Takemoto know by either an E-mail or facebook address. The information about Dr. Takemoto is as follows:

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I also ask you to inform the editor of your current address, hospital / institution, present post, and so on. If there are any changes, please notify the editor so that I can keep you informed of the happenings on the National Hospital Organization Kumamoto Medical Center and the whereabouts of your co-trainees. Through this "NETWORK", we should literally be able to broaden our network and grow together as doctors/nurses. We would be grateful to you if you could give us some advice or ideas as well as articles for the "NETWORK". We really welcome any news from you; e.g., about your research, subjects, activities, countries, families, hobbies and so forth. Also, if you would permit the editor to publish your articles, we would share them with the readers of "NETWORK". I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes from all at National Hospital Organization Kumamoto Medical Center