Greeting

Dear colleagues,

I am proud and pleased to invite you to the 12th Asia Pacific Conference on Disaster Medicine (12th APCDM) to be held in Tokyo, Japan, from September 17th to the 19th, 2014.

The 1st Asia Pacific Conference on Disaster Medicine was held in Osaka in 1988. Currently, the conference is held every other year in Japan and other locations. Past venues include Osaka, Chiba, Bali (Indonesia), Sapporo, Vancouver (Canada), Fukuoka, Shanghai (China), Tokyo, and Seoul (South Korea).

The purpose of the conference ranges from advanced training on how to provide health care to multiple disaster survivors to the establishment of interdisciplinary “disaster medicine” as a unique area of medical science. We also tackle topics such as disaster response and disaster recovery with a focus on proper application of relevant medical services and international humanitarian assistance. At our conference, we address both natural disasters (earthquakes, tsunamis, and floods), and man-made disasters (conflict, terrorism, and radiological disasters).

In September, 2013, IOC General Assembly established that 2020 Olympics will be held in Tokyo, Japan. We believe that the above decision will provide the perfect opportunity to discuss the issues of mass gathering medicine.

A variety of people will participate in the 12th APCDM, including doctors, nurses, firemen, policemen, members of the Japan Self-Defense Forces, military personnel, public administration personnel, members of international organizations as well as company managers and employees. They will share their research results in their respective fields and express their views on how to establish disaster medicine in the Asia-Pacific region taking into consideration the unique economic, social and cultural conditions of each Asia Pacific country.

Moreover, as great progress has been made in disaster response equipment in recent years, a special exhibition will be held concurrently with the conference aiming to promote the widespread use of disaster equipment and systems all over the world.

We heartily welcome you to Tokyo. We prepared exciting scientific and cultural programs for all participants and we expect many rewarding discussion at our conference.

12th APCDM President
Norifumi Ninomiya
(Department of Emergency and Critical Care Medicine, Nippon Medical School Tama Nagayama Hospital)

Norifumi Ninomiya
Greeting

I would like to express my great congratulation for the opening of the 12th Asia Pacific Conference on Disaster Medicine here in Japan, after the great earthquake and tsunami in 2011.

During the ten years of 2003 and 2012, Asia and Pacific was the region most frequently affected by disasters. It accounted for 43 percent of all disasters and 82 percent of people reported affected globally. During the ten years, this region accounted for 93 percent of those affected by floods, 91 percent of those affected by windstorms and 88 percent of those affected by earthquakes.

Of the lessons learned from these disasters, let me refer specifically to two points. First is the importance of promotion and implementation of domestic legal preparedness for disasters in order to ensure an effective international assistance during major disasters. In 2007, a set of “Guidelines for the domestic facilitation and regulation of international disaster relief and initial recovery assistance” were adopted at the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent with the participation of the Governments. The guidelines touch upon measures such as expedited procedures for temporary recognition of professional qualifications for foreign medical personnel, and export, import and transit of relief goods and equipment. Using these guidelines, governments can better prepare themselves legally and otherwise for making the best use of international assistance without losing time for often heavy bureaucracy.

Second is the need for ensuring accountability to donors as well as to the affected population by those involved in relief operations. One of the tools that exist to ensure greater accountability is the Sphere Project which was initiated by a group of NGOs and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in 1997 which consists of the humanitarian charter and minimum standards in humanitarian response. The Sphere, particularly its Humanitarian Charter, is widely shared these days not only by NGOs and international agencies but also by governments. Sphere’s philosophy is based on the two core beliefs: First, that those affected by disasters have the right to live with dignity, the right to receive assistance; Second, all necessary steps should be taken to guarantee minimum standards in areas of water and sanitation, food and nutrition, shelter, and health. It carries the four core humanitarian principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality and independence which constitutes the core of the Code of Conduct for the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and NGOs in Disaster Relief and all humanitarian actors are encouraged to respect these standards at the time when the number and magnitude of disaster are on the rise and the global response is more and more required in coordinated ways.

Believing this conference will serve as a golden opportunity for better tuning the existing global rules for international relief to the changing reality of humanitarian environments. I wish you all a successful Conference.

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Tadateru Konoe
(Japanese Red Cross Society)
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World Health Organization (WHO) of Japan
Conference Information

■ Period
Wednesday, September 17 – Friday, September 19, 2014

■ Venue
Tokyo Dome Hotel
Address: 1-3-61 Koraku, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 112-8562
TEL: +81-3-5805-2111  FAX: +81-3-5805-2200

■ Main Theme
Ready for action! Are you ready?

■ Official Language
English

■ Registration and General Information Desk
The registration and general information desk will be located in the lobby on the B1 floor of Tokyo Dome Hotel.
The desk hours will be as follows:
September 17 (Wed)  8:00 - 19:00
September 18 (Thur)  7:30 - 17:00

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*Nurses and Co-medical are required to submit a copy of certificate written by their immediate superior. Co-medical includes Emergency medical technician, Medical technologist, Ambulance crew and Medical assistant.
**Students are required to submit a copy of student ID.
***Accompanying person has to be spouse/family of participants.

The full registration fee for doctor, nurse, co-medical and student includes:
1. Admission to all scientific programs
2. Admission to the exhibition
3. Documentation including a book of program & abstracts

The registration fee for accompanying person includes:
1. Admission to the exhibition
2. Congress dinner
Lunch
Lunch will be provided on first-come, first-served basis at the luncheon seminars during the conference.

Exhibition
A technical and commercial exhibition will be held during the following hours at Tenku North and Foyer.
September 17 (Wed) 9:00-18:00
September 18 (Thur) 9:00-17:00

Mobile Phones
Please turn off your mobile phones or switch it to the silent mode, and refrain from talking on the phone during the program.

Smoking
Smoking is prohibited anywhere except in the designated smoking areas

Social Events
Registration will be closed upon reaching the maximum capacity. Please ask for availability of tickets at the registration desk.

Congress Dinner
- Date: 19:15-21:15, Wednesday 17 September, 2014
- Venue: Artist cafe, 43F, Tokyo Dome Hotel
- Fee: JPY 10,000 per person
- Capacity: 130 persons
Come and join us for a relaxed dining at Tokyo Dome Hotel!

Technical Program Tour
- Date: Friday 19 September, 2014
- Fee: JPY 10,000 per person
- Capacity: 20 persons
- Assembly Place: Lobby at Tokyo Dome Hotel
- Assembly Time: 8:45am
- Course
  9:00 Tokyo Dome Hotel ⇒ National Disaster Medical Center ⇒ Lunch ⇒
  8th Fire District HQ ⇒ The command and control center in Tachikawa (Shinjuku Sta.) ⇒
around19:00 Tokyo Dome Hotel
* Places to visit are subject to change with or without notice.

Workshop (Organized by Dr. Marvin Birnbaum, board chair of WADEM)
- Theme: FRAMEWORKS FOR CONDUCTING DISASTER HEALTH RESEARCH
- Date: Saturday, 20- Sunday, 21 September, 2014
- Venue: Nippon Medical School (http://college.nms.ac.jp/en)
- Fee: JPY 30,000 per person
- Capacity: 30 persons
* If minimum number of 15 participants is not reached, the workshop will be cancelled.

Name Badges
Please wear your name badge at all times during the conference for identification and security purposes. Only registered participants wearing a name badge will be allowed access to the session rooms and social programs.
## Access to the Venue

### Tokyo International Airport (Haneda / HND)
- Distance: 25km
  - Approximately 50 minutes by car
  - Approximately 45 minutes by train

### Narita International Airport (Narita / NRT)
- Distance: 80km
  - Approximately 90 minutes by car
  - Approximately 60 minutes by train

### Train
- 5 railway and subway lines are located within 1 - 6 minutes walking distance
- JR Chuo Line, JR Sobu Line: 2 minutes from Suidobashi Station, East exit
- Subway Mita Line: 1 minute from Suidobashi Station
- Subway Marunouchi Line: 5 minutes from Korakuen Station
- Subway Namboku Line: 5 minutes from Korakuen Station
- Subway Oedo Line: 6 minutes from Kasuga Station

### Car
- Shuto Expressway No.5 Ikebukuro Line
  - From Takebashi Junction: 10 minutes from the Nishi-Kanda exit
  - From Ikebukuro: 5 minutes from the lidaishi exit