



# 1<sup>st</sup> International Disaster Medical Rally: Together We Will Survive

## CONCEPT NOTE

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### Rationale

The Asia-Pacific region is the world's most disaster-prone region accounting for the more people affected by and more people killed by disasters than in any other region. The highest percentage of fatalities was in Southeast Asia, representing 47 percent of total losses in the region, followed by Southwest Asia with 28 percent of total losses.

Once devastating disasters, regardless of whether natural or man-made, occur in its own territory, each country has a first and foremost responsibility to: save victims, reduce suffering, and minimize adverse consequences. Victims seek urgent medical attention immediately after the occurrence of disasters, and if local Disaster Medicine/Emergency Medical Systems (EMS) are disabled by a disaster, it deals a double blow to an already suffering community. Therefore, building and strengthening the capacity and resilience of Disaster Medicine and EMS to disasters and other emergency incidents is crucial in making a difference between life and death for many people during all kind of incidents.

In addition to the domestic response capability, there needs to be a collective effort to tackle and manage these various emergencies. This means building and enhancing an effective and efficient disaster response system through establishment of international and regional networks, and promotion of skills and knowledge on disaster response.

The ability to provide rapid and professional solutions is only possible if thought and pre-planning has been given to these solutions, if resources have been identified, and if contingency plans have been exercised to tease out the weaknesses and vulnerabilities. Real life experiences are the greatest learning experiences and it is essential that we constantly scrutinize the strengths and weaknesses of past challenges.

## **1<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Disaster Medical Rally: Together We Will Survive**

The **1<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Disaster Medical Rally: Together We Will Survive** will be co-hosted and co-organised by the Ministry of Public Health, National Institute for Emergency Medicine and Chiang Rai Provincial Public Health Office on 23-25 June 2015 in Chiang Rai province, Thailand. The technical session will be held on 23 June 2015, following by the rally on 24 June and group presentation on 25 June 2015 respectively.

The Rally is the competition to develop the guideline how to work together as teamwork and stimulate also the development of knowledge and the ability of personnel in resuscitation network to become enthusiastic by frequently rehearsing and strengthening teamwork and the overall network. Moreover, it is to build capacity on the disaster medicine for international network continuously and sustainably.

This especially applies to the relationship between hospital teams, rescuers, the command centre and radio communications. They need to help each other to be successful.

### **Objectives**

1. To enhance cooperation and build partnerships and collaborative network among the national and international organizations
2. To develop knowledge of disaster preparedness and emergency response on Disaster/Emergency Medicine in order to build and strengthen the capacity
3. To learn mutually more experience among emergency medical response teams

The said rally is composed of the Technical Session and Disaster Medical Rally.

### **Qualification of Competitors for Disaster Medical Rally**

**Oversea Teams** consist of 5 persons as the following

- Doctor (at least 1 person per team)
- Nurse
- Paramedic
- EMT

**Remark:** In a team of 5, 2 people can be assigned of the same profession.

**Local teams** consist of 5 persons as the following

- Doctor (at least 1 person per team)
- Nurse
- EMT
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**The other participants excluding the above mentioned oversea and local teams will be invited to be observers.**

**Disaster Medical Rally Stations:** The activities of disaster medical rally stations will be disaster medicine such as Incident Command System (ICS), Disaster Response, Field Hospital, Evacuation and so on.

### **Vehicle and Equipment for Disaster Medical Rally:**

**Oversea Teams:** The Disaster Medical Rally organizer will arrange the ALS ambulance, strap, emergency kit, radio equipment and medical equipment.

**Local teams:** The disaster medical response teams will arrange themselves the necessary vehicle and equipment namely ALS ambulance, strap, emergency kit, radio equipment and medical equipment.

### **Certificate:**

Certificate of Competition

### **Expected Outcomes**

The participants will have the opportunity to develop the skill of the personnel in Disaster Medicine/EMS such as doctors, nurses, emergency responders how to treat the patients outside the hospital.

The rally is both beneficial and motivational for participants. It is considered that the more extensive contribution of the rally is the increased motivation of the workers and of the consciousness of the community.

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