

The Agreement between the Japan Medical Association and Taiwan Root
Medical Peace Corps concerning Mutual Consent on Dispatching
Physicians and Assistance Systems for Medical Relief Assistance in
Disaster Situations

The Japan Medical Association and Taiwan Root Medical Peace Corps (hereinafter referred to as “the contracting organizations”) in consideration of their traditional friendship, regard obtaining mutual consent on dispatching physicians and assistance systems as an important procedure in large-scale and wide-range disaster situations which are considered as emergency situations in their respective country or area in order to promote medical relief activities for disaster survivors as foreign aid in medical relief activities. The contracting organizations also recognize the importance of promoting “standard competency” to ensure its consistency in the disaster training programs for physicians based on the World Medical Association Declaration of Montevideo on Disaster Preparedness and Medical Response (adopted in October 2011). NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above, the contracting organizations hereto agree as follows:

Article 1. Purposes of Agreement

This agreement shall stipulate the procedures taken by the contracting organization of the country or area which offers dispatching physicians to provide their qualifications, technical requirements and identity and the procedures taken by the other contracting organization to accept the results, as well as basic systems for smooth medical relief activities by the dispatched physicians in order to promote medical relief activities in disaster situations to be subject to this agreement in the country and area where either of the contracting organizations is located.

Article 2. Definition

For the purposes of this agreement, "the procedures to offer physicians' qualifications, technical requirements and identity" shall mean procedures taken by the contracting organizations to certify that dispatching physicians are qualified as persons who are able to provide medical care in accordance with the laws in the country or area where the contracting organizations are located and with the "standard competency" based on the World Medical Association Declaration of Montevideo on Disaster Preparedness and Medical Response as well as persons who are familiar with any specialties of the six essential health services specified in the Sphere Project "Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response" and the Incident Command System, and to show the identities of the dispatching physicians to the other contracting organization of the recipient country or area.

Article 3. Mutual Consent Agreement

1. Qualification of Physicians

The dispatched physicians who will conduct medical relief activities in accordance with this agreement shall be persons who are able to provide medical care in accordance with the laws in the country and area to which they belong.

2. Technical Requirements of Physicians

The dispatched physicians who will conduct medical relief activities in accordance with this agreement shall be persons with the "standard competency" based on the World Medical Association Declaration of Montevideo on Disaster Preparedness and Medical Response as well as be persons who are familiar with any specialties of the following six essential health services described in the Sphere Project "Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response" ;

- (a) Control of communicable diseases
- (b) Child health

(c) Sexual and reproductive health

(d) Injury

(e) Mental health

(f) Non-communicable diseases

Additionally, understanding of Incident Command System is required.

3. Identities of Physicians

The identities of dispatched physicians who will conduct medical relief activities in accordance with this agreement shall be presented by the contracting organizations in the country or area which dispatches the physicians.

4. Offer and Acceptance of Dispatching Physicians

Offer and acceptance of dispatching physicians for medical relief activities shall be confirmed between the authorized agencies of both governments when a disaster occurred in the country or area where either of the contracting organizations was located and the either government considered that medical relief activities of foreign countries or areas were required and the government of the other offered assistance.

The contracting organizations shall initiate procedures to conduct effective medical relief activities in response to confirming offer and acceptance by both governments.

In addition, the contracting organizations shall discuss with the authorized agencies of both governments.

5. Procedures Taken by the Contracting Organization of the Contributing Country and Other Area

In accordance with the preceding paragraph "4", the contracting organization of the contributing country and area shall create documents and electronic media for identifying information of the dispatched physicians including their names, genders, qualifications, technical requirements and social status and for certification of eligibility, and notify the recipient country and area of them.

The contracting organizations of the contributing country and territory shall discuss transportation of dispatched physicians and supplies with the authorized agency of the government and be responsible for the transportation.

6. Procedures Taken by the Contracting Organization of the Recipient Country and Area

In accordance with the preceding section "4", the contracting organization of the recipient country and area shall discuss the requirements for supporting medical relief activities including medical practice, places and duration with the authorized agency of the government, and notify the contracting organization of the contributing country and area of the information.

In accordance with the preceding section "5", the contracting organizations of the recipient country and other area shall issue cards indicating that the dispatched physicians are qualified to be eligible.

7. Systems for Supporting Medical Relief Activities

In accordance with this agreement, the medical relief system for supporting medical relief activities to the disaster victims shall be discussed and determined by the authorized agency of the government and the contracting organization of the recipient country or area.

The systems shall include the following; matters related to procurement and management of supplies of medical products such as medicine and medical devices; matters related to daily necessities for the dispatched physicians and the staff of medical relief teams; matters related to duration of conducting activities; and matters related to the instructions for sites where the activities will be conducted and working hours. The Medical Relief Support Team which is dispatched from the contracting organizations has to work under the command and control of the local organization in the disaster area.

The licensed physicians from the dispatch country will execute minimum medical relief activities in accordance with the law of the recipient country, and these activities should

be under the direction of the physicians in the recipient country.

8. Basic Composition of Medical Relief Support Team

Basic composition of medical relief support team shall be determined by the contracting organization of the recipient country and area in reference to experiences of Japan Medical Association Team (JMAT) organized by the Japan Medical Association.

The contracting organizations shall discuss accompanying interpreters and physicians experienced in international cooperation activities in the recipient country and area to smoothly conduct medical activities, and execute the decision.

9. Efforts by Organization for Matters Related to Medical Relief Support

The contracting organizations shall make efforts to organize systems that have adjusting functions for support from official organizations and private organizations from each country or area in order to effectively conduct activities, and actively utilize volunteers for disaster medical support.

Article 4. Consultation

The contracting organizations shall mutually and closely discuss implementation of this agreement in coordination with the authorized agencies of the governments of their respective countries and areas.

Any matters related to arrangement on this agreement and the procedures shall be only resolved by consultations between the contracting organizations.

Article 5. Revision of Agreement

This agreement shall be revised by written consent of the contracting organizations.

Article 6. Termination of Agreement

Either of the contracting organizations may notify the other contracting organization of the will to terminate this agreement. If either of the contracting organizations has provided notification, this agreement shall be terminated on the day that the other contracting organization has received the notification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the following representatives duly authorized by their respective organizations have signed this agreement.

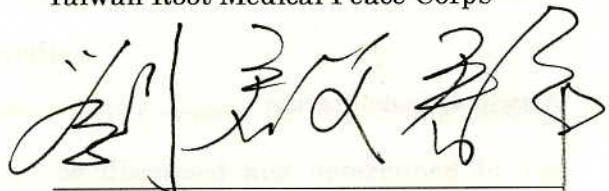
This agreement has been executed in English on July 30, 2015.

Japan Medical Association



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