

Profile of Masaru SASAKI

In 1977, I graduated from Tokyo Medical College, and worked as a neurosurgeon in Tokyo University Hospital, Mitsui Memory Hospital, Tokyo Metropolitan Bokuto Hospital, Japan Red Cross Medical Center and so on. After I became the neurosurgical specialist in the Japanese Neurosurgical Association Board, I worked as an emergency physician in the Emergency Department of Tokyo University Hospital, Saitama Medical Center, Tokyo Metropolitan Fuchu Hospital and so on.

In 1998, I was dispatched in Shanghai for diagnosis and medical treatment in Shanghai train accident from which many Japanese high school students suffered. This was the first case that many Japanese people were involved in an accident and was provided medical care by Japanese doctors in a foreign country. Since this case, repatriation service was well known in Japan. (Minister of Transport was Shintaro Ishihara at then)

In 2004, we establish Tokyo DMAT (Disaster Medical Assistance Team) earlier than National DMAT. (The governor of Tokyo was Shintaro Ishihara at then)

In October 2004, we dispatched Niigata Prefecture Chuetsu Earthquake. Not to mention natural disaster such as 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake, I contributed to mitigate damages of local accidents such as Shibuya hot springs institution gas explosion accident in 2008, Akihabara indiscriminate killing incident in 2008, multiple casualty incident in Chichibu shrine rugby ground at NEWS concerts in 2013

In March 2005, I went on short tour for Inspection of Australia and Taiwan emergency system

In 2005, I went to know how to measure against the Amagasaki-shi JR train accident as a member of investigation team

In October 2005, I made the presentation about "Disaster Response in Tokyo" in "Second Annual Taipei International Healthy Cities Conference and Exhibition 2005".

In 2006, I also made the presentation about "the Operation of the Tokyo DMAT" in "Third Annual Taipei International Healthy Cities Conference and Exhibition 2006 in Taipei Healthy Cities Leaders Roundtable and International Healthy Cities Conference",

In 2006, I was invited to "the training introduction for the earthquake directly below Tokyo" by Eastern Army Medical Service. And thereafter I made a presentation in Yoga Camp in 2010, and I have begun to have relation with SDF about disasters.

In 2007, I got promoted to the vice president of Tokyo Metropolitan Hiroo Hospital. In 2012, I got promoted to the president of it, and Former Vice President of Tokyo Metropolitan Health and Medical Treatment Corp in 2016.

In April 2010, I made the presentation about "Roles of EMS in Disaster Response in Tokyo"

at “Disaster Management Seminar 417”

In 2012, I have edited “Business Continuity Plan for Tokyo Metropolitan Hospitals” as a member of the editing committee.

In November 2013, I conducted the arrival and departure training on Hiroo Hospital’s rooftop heliport for SDF’s helicopter.

In 2015, I was appointed as the chairman of the committee which discussed about appropriate medical care for troops on the front-line, and assisted Ministry of Defense to establish the new qualification for front-line medical care provider.

In 2015 and 2016, I wrote some reports about the weakness and vulnerability of surprising SDF medical care abilities, those titles were 「自衛隊は国を守る前に、自衛隊員を守れるか？～今。自衛隊の安全安心のために、あらためて戦傷医療を考える」、「リスクを言うならまずここから見直せ；あまりにおそまつ！自衛隊の医療」、「世界の戦傷医療と自衛隊の医療体制」 in Japanese.

In April 2016, I was ordered Cabinet Special Advisor, and I have been trying to work hard for facilitation of disaster medical care and the Self-Defense Forces medical care as an authority of the disaster medical care.

In January 2017, we went to Republic South Sudan and Republic of Djibouti on a business trip for investigation of medical system and organization of the Self-Defense Force with the mission of PKO of the United Nations in South Sudan.

In February 2017, I went to Turkey on a business trip for discussion about an improvement of accident risk management in Turkey with the mission of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

In March 2018, I went to Hualian in Taiwan for investigation of the process of recovery from earthquakes

In April 2018, I have contacted with Dr. John Cook-Jon Lee who treated the North Korea Soldier escaped from North Korea to know how to treat him.