## Overview

The JMA is a non-government professional organization and Japan’s largest NGO with a membership of more than 160,000. As the only representative of Japanese physicians internationally, JMA proposes health and medical policies and conducts various activities independently and jointly with local and overseas medical associations.

Japan Medical Association Team or JMAT is a unique, disaster medical relief team of the JMA. The purposes of JMAT are to provide medical treatment at evacuation sites and medical assistance at hospitals and clinics, starting from the time when the DMAT or Disaster Medical Assistance Team dispatched by the government, begins to withdraw after the hyper-acute phase. JMAT support continues until community health in the afflicted areas can be restored to its former state and healthcare services provided by health insurance can function again.

The initial deployment of JMAT occurred following the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011 and is a success. JMA decided to extend the scope of JMAT to overseas disasters through JMAT agreement, to promote mutual medical cooperation between countries. In this way, the medical profession in Japan is putting the mission of WMA Declarations of Geneva, Seoul and Montevideo into action.

Global health, community health and disaster medicine used to be seen as separate, but these concepts are now regarded to be deeply connected and synchronized with each other, just like in the Mobius Strip. Simple logistic support or vertical intervention of the one-sided approach is no longer meaningful in the global health setting. We should begin by determining what is needed in the affected area and how we can collaborate with the local medical association and community. A vision of global health includes expanding the JMAT program activities globally, aiming to restore community health after disaster.

## Schedule

**Date:** 19th October, 2015 (Mon) 17:00 ~ 19:00

**Venue:** Large Seminar Room, Global Health Building 1F

**Language:** English