

Around 1,300 participants over 3-day at 3 places for "2012 Basic Sports Pharmacist System Seminar"

The "Basic Seminar" for JADA's Sports Pharmacist System was held over 3-days in June in Sapporo, Osaka and Tokyo. The final session held at Tokyo Big Sight was attended by 645 pharmacists, while Sapporo and Osaka sessions in the previous weeks were attended by around 630 future Sports Pharmacists.

On the Olympic Day, Professor Hidenori Suzuki, JADA President, gave an opening remark to the attendees and encouraged that "the role of Sports Pharmacist is to protect the athletes and sport after all. It is imperative that the athletes, supporting personnel and parents can access the appropriate information on medicine and drugs when necessary."



At the Seminar, the details of 2012 Prohibited List and TUE were explained. Dr. Kasashi, JADA's pharmacist, stressed the responsibility of Sports Pharmacists is "to provide the appropriate and objective information to the athletes and those seek for information so that they can make the appropriate decision by themselves".

The activities of Sports Pharmacists at the National Athletic Meet (called *Kokutai*) undertaken in Yamaguchi in 2011 were introduced. The Pharmacist Association of Yamaguchi set up a 24-hr Hotline before and during the competition and had around 170 queries, 8-calls per day. The Sports Pharmacists from Yamaguchi prefecture conducted the Kokutai Outreach Program in partnership with JADA.

Drawing her experience, Megumi Ikeda, JADA Athlete Committee member, stressed the significant role of Sports Pharmacist and thanked for their dedications to protect the athletes and promote the clean playing field.

Started in 2009, the JADA Sports Pharmacist Program is aimed to certify the qualified pharmacists in order to provide the appropriate information on medicine for the athletes, coaches and supporting personnel. The eligibility for applying for Sports Pharmacist should be the certified pharmacist. The "Basic Seminar" is followed by the "Practical" course.



An additional session will be held in Tokyo in July and those pharmacists completed the Basic seminar will undertake the Practical course in later this year. When they are successfully certified, more than 1,300 pharmacists will be added to the present 4,200 certified Sports Pharmacists. JADA aims to extend the Sports

Pharmacists System and ensure the athletes and all sporting personnel can access to the appropriate information on medicine whenever necessary.

Sports Pharmacist System -

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