EASTERN JAPAN TRIPLE DISASTER, EARTHQUAKE, TSUNAMI, AND NUCLEAR – URGENT REPORT

On March 11, eastern part of Japan was hit by the triple disaster, earthquake of magnitude 9.0 in richter scale, tsunami of 15 meters high, and fukushima nuclear power plant failure. Death toll of 14, 728 was ascertained and more than 10.000 are still missing as of May 3.

Immediately after the disaster, waiting order was issued to all the DMAT members. Early next morning more than 200 DMAT teams were deployed in disaster areas. Many search and rescue teams from police department. Fire department and Japan self Defense Forces were deployed to which S&R teams from many foreign teams joined. In add to the extraordinary big natural disasters, Fukushima nuclear power plant failure made the matter worse and complicated. Medical response from emergency phase to sub-acute phase of this disaster will be reported by four doctors and discusses as the urgent report session.

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