The public forum entitled “Cooperation in Disaster Medicine” was a great success with 150 audiences.

In the 1st part, Mr. Guisto and Mr. Vasconez, both JICA Participants, explained the outline of the past disasters in Central and South America, the future risks and possible countermeasures against the risks.

In the 2nd part, on the subject of “the present situation of Japan’s international cooperation in disaster medicine”, Mr. Hirosawa (JICA, JDR), Dr. Nakayama (Hyogo Emergency Medical Center), Ms. Nakano (HuMA) and Dr. Kreisel (WHO Kobe Centre) introduced the lessons and the problems arisen from their activities.

In the last part, both speakers and audiences had a hot discussion on international cooperation in disaster and disaster medicine.

The forum concluded that it is essential for various organizations especially the ones participated in this forum and the government to complement each other in order for the disaster medical management to be carried out effectively and to have sustainable measures not only for an emergent state but also for reconstruction and preparedness.