

Haiti Epidemic Prevention project

A massive earthquake struck Haiti in early 2010, Taiwan CDC responded to appeals for international humanitarian aid and outbreak control, thus three echelons of professionals was sent to assist post-earthquake reconstruction. Meanwhile, the three-year Haiti Epidemic Prevention project was planned, included the establishment of Taiwan technical team, the signing of corporation between Taiwan and Haiti, the bilateral visit of public health professionals, the laboratory and epidemiology training and the reinforcement of laboratory equivalent in Haiti. And for fitting the need during the major cholera outbreak, the cholera outbreak control supplies were sent to Haiti by the representative of Embassy of Taiwan, represented Taiwan CDC.



GOACT Commander Dr. Ping-Shenq Ho meets with Dr. Alex Larsen, the director of MSPP(ministry of public health and population) in Haiti.



Haiti's National Public Health Laboratory (LNSP), sponsored and established by Taiwan government, remains untouched after the immense earthquake.



Taiwan CDC medical officer Dr. Allen Lien responded to the infectious diseases surveillance problems in disaster area to foreign medical corps, after the meeting with UNOCHA Health Cluster.



Haitian public health specialists meet with the director and vice-directors of Taiwan CDC, after conducting a speech in the Research Conference.



The receiving of cholera disease outbreak supplies from

Taiwan CDC to LNSP (National Public Health Laboratory).

Future Prospects

In the three-year Haiti Epidemic Prevention project, professional trainers and complete facility was provided for epidemiology specialists training, laboratory equipments will also be sent to fulfill the laboratory equivalent in LNSP. The Haiti Epidemic Prevention project is benefit to evaluate the foreign aid achievement of Taiwan government by means of Taiwan's advantageous techniques and information ability. It's also provides a path of cooperation in the field of public health affair, which is helpful for enhancing diplomatic relationships between both countries. Therefore, Taiwan CDC is looking forward to further cooperation with international/national organization and NGO, conducting research projects of major infectious disease in Haiti, also to improve bilateral interaction and to share previous experiences and resource for public health and disease control improvement in Haiti.