

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE TRAINING & WORKSHOP

The Philippine Hospital Association (PHA) held our **Disaster Preparedness & Response Training & Workshop** at the Manila Hotel on November 18, 2017, extending the 68th PHA - Annual National Convention to accommodate these pressing issues.

The workshop featured distinguished expert speakers, including K. Harald Drager, the President of The International Emergency Management Society (TIEMS), Dr. Qu Guosheng, the vice president of TIEMS, Carl W. Taylor, Executive Director of the Fransier Institute for Health and Risk Analysis XCH-LLC (Kenya), Angeli Medina, the Executive Director and acting president of TIEMS Philippine Chapter, and our very own Dr. Jaime A. Almora.

The hot topics ranged from “TIEMS Worldwide Efforts Towards More Resilient Societies”; “Urban Search And Rescue (USAR) Capacity Buildings and Disaster Responses in Asia and Pacific Area”; “Hospital Connectivity - Installation of Software & Training of Communication Officer & Disaster Response Team”; “Overview of Mutual Assistance Agreement”; and “Overview of Healthcare Continuity Reserve Corps (HCRC)” - all in a concerted effort to prepare our member hospitals for the challenges of disaster preparedness and response.

The PHA remains dedicated to serving our hospitals and, ultimately, the people. It is our ambition that disasters shall be merely hardships that can be overcome through our united stand. Our advocacy of disaster preparedness and response will continue and will strengthen in the future programs of the PHA.



K. Harald Drager & Guosheng Qu giving their speeches



Guosheng Qu giving away certificates of participation





Farewell lunch at Manila Hotel