

The public health system and human resource development for public health in Japan

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Public Health Center [Hokenjo]

- ◆ Established in accordance with the **Public Health Center Act (PHCA) in 1937**
- ◆ Current activities of PHCs are based on the **Community Health Act** (revised PHCA in 1994 as Community Health Act).
- ◆ PHCs do **not provide medical care**.
- ◆ Its activities focus on **preventive medicine to provide preventive services for individuals, groups and/or population**.
- ◆ Its activities are to **oversee objects** that have the potential to affect health of individuals and/or groups.

Pillars of activities in Public Health Center [Hokenjo]

◆Principal of activities

- Promoting and developing ideology related to community health in people

◆Essential health services for prevention

- MCH, nutrition, oral health, mental health, Health of people with intractable diseases

◆Heath risks and crisis management

- food sanitation, environmental health, medical and pharmaceutical affairs, measure against infectious diseases (HIV/AIDS, TB, STIs)

◆Human resource development related to community health

◆Demographic and statistics related to community health

Local Research Institute of Public Health

- ◆ Established in accordance with **the guideline for establishment LRIPH** of each prefecture in 1948.
- ◆ In Community Health Act, positioned as '**scientific and technical core institutions**' to support public health centers' activities.
- ◆ Through experiencing COVID-19, **the function of LRIPH was legally designated** by revision of Community Health Act in 2022.

Pillars of activities in Local Research Institute of Public Health

- ◆ **Research and investigation** to build evidence to support public health administrative measures
- ◆ **Test and Inspection** to conduct administrative inspections with guaranteed accuracy
- ◆ **Training and guidance** as activities of a core scientific and technical institution to develop human resources
- ◆ **Information dissemination** to collect, analyze and disseminate public health information to public

Who(What kind of professionals) Works for Public Health in Japan

◆ Director of Public Health Center must be a medical doctor in principle.

◆ Other professional

Dentists, Public Health Nurse, Dieticians,
Laboratory technician, Veterinarian, Pharmacist,
Mental health social worker, Physiological Therapist,
Occupational therapist

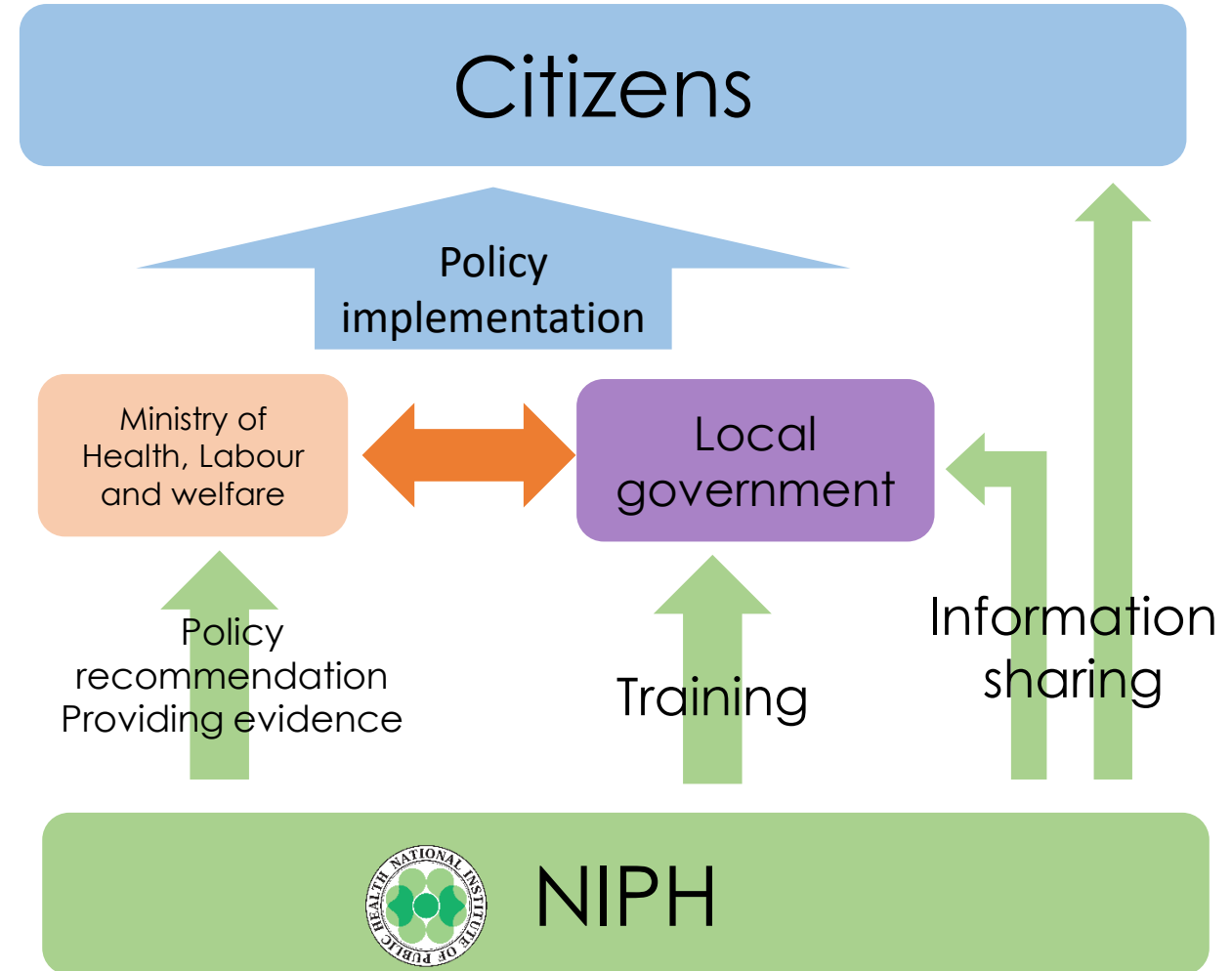
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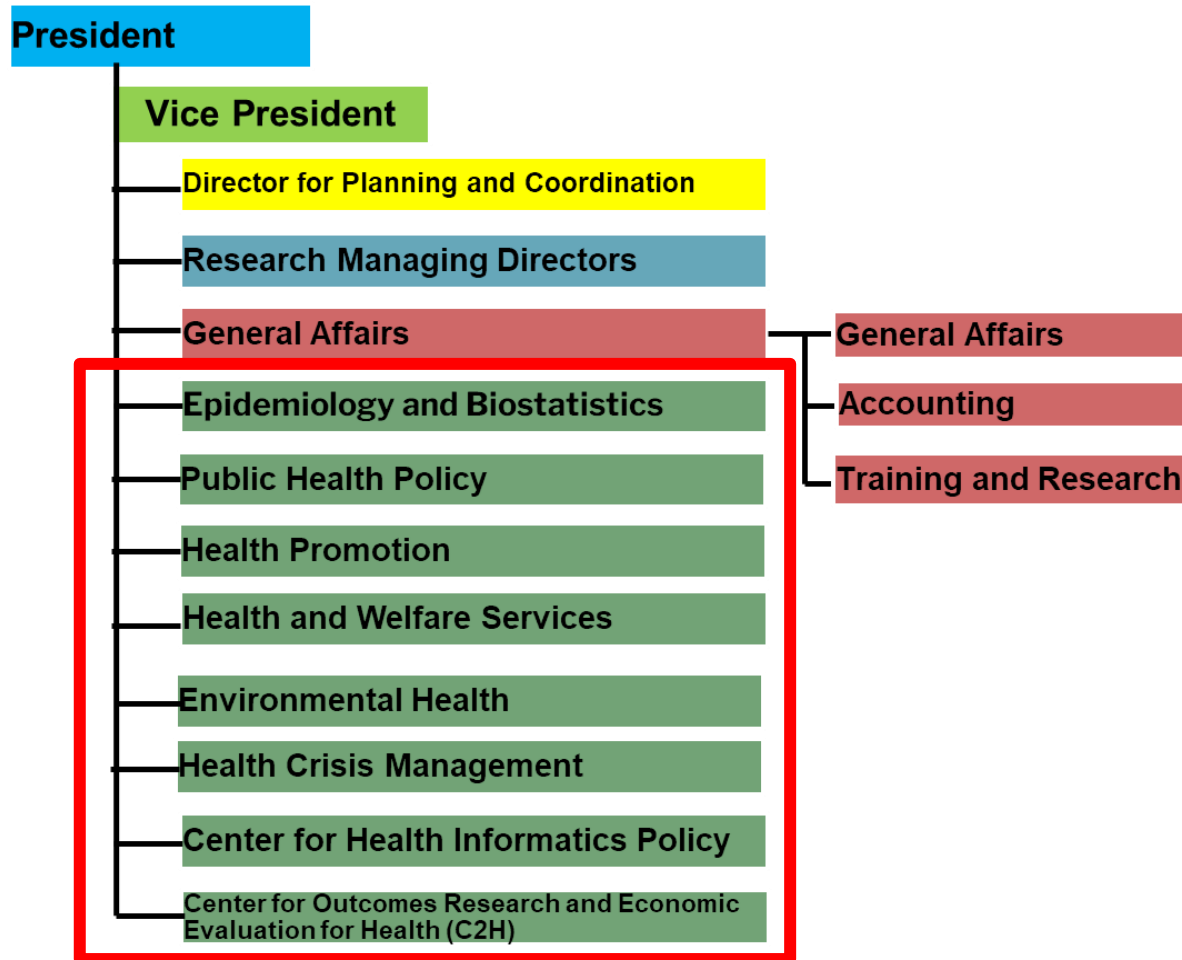
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Mission of National Institute of Public Health

- Our mission is to contribute to **the improvement of public health** through **human resource development** for local government officials and **conduct researches** to promote the administrative measures of health, medical care, welfare, and the living environment.



Structure of NIPH, Japan



8 research departments

- Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- Public Health Policy
- Health Promotion
- Health and Welfare Services
- Environmental Health
- Health Crisis Management
- Center for Health Informatics Policy
- Center for Outcomes Research and Economic Evaluation for Health

History of NIPH, Japan

- Established on April 1, 2002 under the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
- Merging former National Institute of Public Health (est. 1938) , National Institute of Health Services Management (est. 1949), and Department of Oral Science in National Institute of Infectious Diseases.

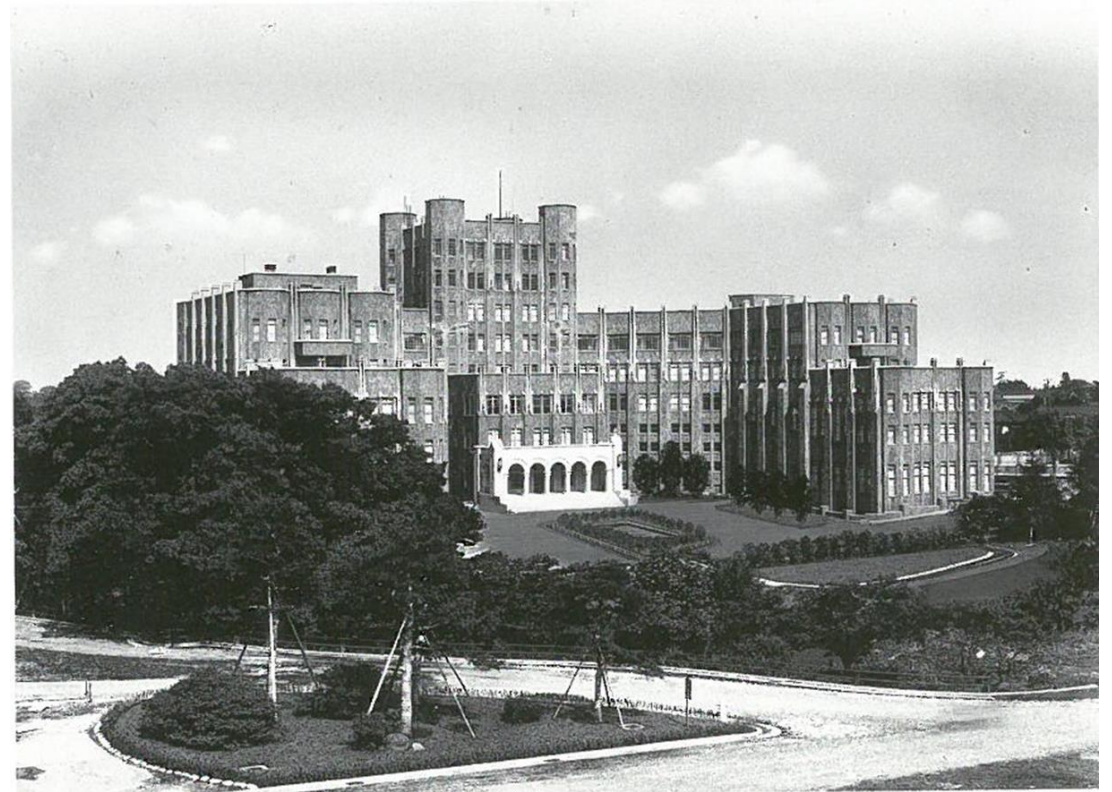


Former National Institute of Public Health

- In 1937, Urban Public Health Center (Tokyo) and Rural Public Health Center (Tokorozawa) were established to conduct field training for public health personnel.

【One of first prototypes of current public health centers】

- In 1938, the National Institute of Public Health was established as a public health personnel national training institute.
- All of these are funded by the Rockefeller Foundation in the United States.



Overview of training activities

- Long courses (2 months - 3 years)
- Over 40 short courses
- For public health personnel of local governments
- Approximately 2000 trainees annually join training activities
- All courses are free of charge.
- Several JICA and WHO sponsored courses for international participants
- Online, On-site, and Mixed courses

Long Courses

- 3-year Research Course
- 2 to 6-month Course
 - Public Health Management
 - Community Health Care
 - Patient Safety Management
 - Health Data Analysis
 - Public Health for Clinical Residents

Short Courses

- To acquire the latest technical knowledge and skills in specific professional fields
- Some directly correspond to Ministry's nation-wide policies and measures
- 3 days to 6 weeks
- More than 40 courses annually
 - Public health nursing (mid-carrier, senior manager, leader)
 - Epidemiology and biostatistics
 - Meat/Food hygiene management
 - HIV/AIDS prevention/control
 - Tobacco policy implementation
 - NCD prevention
 - Child abuse prevention etc.

International Courses

With JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency)

- Health Systems Management (3 weeks)
- Universal Health Coverage (2 weeks)
- Health Policy Development (2 weeks)

With WHO/WPRO

- WHO-NIPH (1 week)
NCDs, Active Ageing, Patient safety etc

Target: government officials from all over the world, including ASEAN countries

Aim: to gain knowledge about policy formulation and implementation through Japanese experience under collaboration with ASEAN countries, such as Thailand

Impact of trainings at NIPH on public health system

- The trainings can make sure health policy formulation at national level and implementation at the local level.
- It can increase quantity and quality of professionals' activities at the local level.
- It enables the formulation of policies that respond to community characteristics at the local level.

Human resource development for promoting UHC

For making a training to promote UHC successful

- Organizing lectures and other works linking the UHC principle
Equity, Quality, Responsiveness, Efficiency, Resilience
- Providing trainings in an organization that generates evidence, such as NIPH at each country.
- Conducting training under collaboration between health, welfare, medical care, environmental hygiene, and other fields (such as insurers, occupational health etc.)
- Enabling participants to learn mutually and understand the characteristics of own country and region, and then think about what to do to promote UHC for people .



Thank you.



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