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— 三大感染症, エボラ出血熱, そして顧みられない熱帯病 —

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Trend in global health and infectious diseases
— from the three major infectious diseases and Ebola to neglected tropical diseases —

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Abstract

Neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) and the three major infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria primarily threaten the poorest population segments. NTDs are a group of diseases caused by a specific virus, protozoa, helminth, or bacteria in tropical areas with widespread poverty. Seventeen NTDs prioritized by the World Health Organization affect an estimated 1.4 billion people across 149 countries. Among these, a few diseases are close to being eliminated/eradicated, whereas effective and affordable treatment strategies still do not exist for some diseases. HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria affect people globally and are the leading causes of death in low-income countries.

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In this seminar, speakers introduced their specialty and approach toward the control of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, Ebola, and NTDs. Based on their perspectives and experiences, we discussed the need to invest in and accelerate activities for controlling these diseases. At the Elmau G7 Summit in 2015, they made a commitment to reduce the number of Ebola cases to zero and stimulate research on the prevention, control, and treatment of NTDs. To further discuss the significance of tackling infectious disease-related issues, the speakers mentioned their perspectives on the trends and the current context of global health, along with their motivation to address these issues as well as the expected Japanese contribution for combating them.

Key words

neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), cutaneous leishmaniasis, Drugs for Neglected Diseases *initiative* (DNDi)

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