

Project Progress Report (RAS6086)

RAS6086 : Strengthening Cancer Management Programmes in RCA States Parties

through Collaboration with National and Regional Radiation Oncology Societies

Project information

LC: Japan (PLCC Takashi Nakano)

Participating countries:

22 countries (Australia, New Zealand, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Palau, Fiji)

Objective:

To provide education and training on clinical aspects of radiation therapy for radiation oncology professionals and improve the clinical management of common cancers in the RCA region.

Secondary, to strengthen or establish the national radiation oncology societies (ROs) within the RCA Governmental Parties (GPs) through the educational and training activities of this project and further strengthen their regional collaboration through frameworks such as FARO.

Project period: 2018-21 (4 years)

Plan Activity

The RAS6068 activity plan is that in collaboration with regional and national radiation oncology societies, including the Asian Federation of Radiation Oncology (FARO), this project aims to successfully complete a regional training course (RTC) for radiation oncologists and medical physicists. Under the project, NPCs are expected to form project teams at the national level to develop and implement work plans for each country to transfer technology. For this purpose, cooperation with regional and national radiation oncology societies is important, and these specialized societies play an important role in sustaining the activities of this project. Technical cooperation by dispatching experts will be implemented as appropriate.

○Kick-off and Project Coordination Meeting (May 14-18, 2018)

It was held in Maebashi by the Department of Oncology Radiology, Gunma

University. Twenty-four people from 19 countries including Japan and two people from the IAEA participated in this conference and drafted a project plan that included the outline of the first to fourth RTCs.

○1st RTC (September 4-8, 2018)

Focusing on the topic of cervical cancer including IGBT, it was held in Bali, Indonesia. Thirty-two radiation oncologists from 17 countries were trained.

○The 2nd RTC (November 11-15, 2019)

Held in Shenzhen, China with the theme of head and neck cancer. 32 people from 16 countries participated.

○The mid-term evaluation meeting was scheduled to be held in Fiji in early December 2019, but it was impossible, so it was decided to hold it at NIRS (Chiba, Japan) from December 2nd to 6th. 26 people have attended including the IAEA participated.

If there was no corona virus pandemic, the execution plan from 2020 would be as follows.

○The 3rd RTC was planned for the third quarter of 2020 for advanced, metastatic and palliative cases, but the venue will be decided at the interim evaluation meeting.

○The 4th RTC is scheduled to be held in 2021 for quality assurance, and the date and venue will be decided at the interim evaluation meeting. The final evaluation meeting will be held in Cambodia in 2021.

Due to the corona virus pandemic, the following activities was carried out.

○Project Progress Review Meeting (November 23, 25, 26, 2020)

Held to readjust the project due to coronavirus infection with web meeting. 28 people attended from the IAEA and 19 countries participated.

○The 3rd RTC was scheduled for August 17-21, 2020 in Malaysia at an interim evaluation meeting for advanced, metastatic and palliative cases, but due to

coronavirus infection, it was postponed and was held with online web system on March 22-25, 2021. There were 34 official participants from 15 countries and 16 instructors, including 3 IAEA experts.

○The 4th RTC will be held online by the Philippines in August 2021 for quality assurance of radiation oncology.

○The final evaluation meeting will be held online in 2021.

Project Progress Review Meeting by LCC (November 23,25,26 2020)



Third RTC, advanced, metastatic and palliative cases by Malaysia Organizer, on March 22-2, 2021

