

Biography – Dr. Yuichi Koido, MD, PhD

Dr. Yuichi Koido is the Director General of the DMAT Secretariat at the Japan Institute for Health Security (JIHS), where he leads Japan's national Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) program under the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. In this role, he oversees the strategic development, coordination, and operational readiness of Japan's disaster medical response system, supervising approximately 1,800 DMAT teams and over 19,000 registered members nationwide.



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Dr. Koido graduated from Saitama Medical University with an M.D. in 1984 and subsequently built a distinguished career in emergency and critical care medicine. He began his professional practice in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Nippon Medical School and later served as Lecturer and Medical Director at the Advanced Emergency and Critical Care Center of Nippon Medical School Hospital. He also pursued international clinical experience through overseas training in Australia. He has held numerous senior leadership positions, including Director of the Clinical Research Department and Director of the Critical Care Center at the National Hospital Organization Disaster Medical Center. In 2010, he was appointed Secretary General of the Japan DMAT Secretariat within the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, and in 2020 assumed leadership of the DMAT Secretariat at the National Hospital Organization Headquarters. In 2025, he was appointed Director General of the DMAT Secretariat at the Japan Institute for Health Security.

Dr. Koido has extensive experience in both domestic and international disaster response. Internationally, he has served in multiple Japan Disaster Relief (JDR) missions, including the Indonesia Merapi volcanic eruption, the Papua New Guinea tsunami, the Taiwan earthquake, the Sri Lanka Indian Ocean tsunami, and the Pakistan floods, holding roles ranging from medical expert to team leader and deputy leader. Domestically, he has led or supported medical operations in major disasters such as the Great East

Japan Earthquake, the Kumamoto Earthquake, the Hokkaido Eastern Iburi Earthquake, large-scale floods and typhoons, and the 2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake. He has also contributed to medical planning and coordination for large national events, including G7 Summits, APEC meetings, the FIFA World Cup, and the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Koido played a central role in national response efforts, including the management of repatriation operations and cruise ship quarantine responses, while serving as an advisor to the Ministry of Health's national COVID-19 taskforce.

Academically, Dr. Koido holds or has held adjunct and visiting professorships at several universities in Japan, including the International University of Health and Welfare, Hiroshima University, Nippon Medical School, Saitama Medical University, Showa University, Aichi Medical University, and Tokyo Medical and Dental University. He is also affiliated with multiple professional societies and has served as President of the Japanese Association for Disaster Medicine.

Dr. Koido is board-certified in Emergency Medicine, General Surgery, Intensive Care Medicine, Burn Care, Trauma Surgery, and Social Medicine. His longstanding contributions to disaster medicine, emergency care, and national health security have positioned him as one of Japan's leading authorities in disaster medical management and international emergency medical coordination.