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Discussions of the Working Group for 2nd Wave Measures (until the launch of the Tokyo iCDC)

 The concept of a "Tokyo version" of the CDC was discussed at the Working Group for 2nd Wave Measures (*1)

In view of the experience of the first wave of COVID-19 infections and the lessons learned, along with taking all possible measures against the 2nd wave, on June 15, 2020 TMG held the **Working Group for 2nd Wave Measures** to expand its infectious disease countermeasures. Five meetings were held with experts to discuss the organizational structure, the testing system, and the system for providing health care.

Based on these discussions, TMG formulated the concept for a "Tokyo CDC" (draft). The steps to realize this concept (%2) were outlined.

(*1) Working Group for 2nd Wave Measures

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TMG	Deputy Governor, head of the Bureau of Social Welfare and Public Health, heads of bureaus in charge of health crisis management, technical advisors, heads of divisions related to the Bureau of Social Welfare and Public Health

(Main Matters Discussed)

1st meeting	Establishing systems for testing and provision of health care		4th meeting	Direction of initiatives for strengthening organizational response capabilities and for expanding systems for testing and		
2nd meeting	Monitoring indicators			provision of health care		
3rd meeting	Establishing systems for	5th meeting	Tokyo CDC concept Expanding systems for testing and provision of health care			



Discussions at the Preparatory Study Committee (until the launch of the Tokyo iCDC)

The Tokyo CDC Preparatory Study Committee

In an effort to strengthen measures against various infectious diseases including COVID-19, TMG established the Tokyo CDC Preparatory Study Committee* on August 25, 2020 to consider the formation of a hub charged with the integrated handling of policymaking related to infectious diseases, crisis management, research, analysis, and evaluation, the gathering and disseminating of information, and other functions. To prepare for the October launch of the Tokyo CDC and to begin full-scale operations as soon as possible, concrete discussions were held on matters such as the Tokyo CDC's functions in ordinary times and during a crisis and the ideal form for the organization.

Prior to the establishment of the Tokyo CDC, a task force was launched to consider a system to prepare for potential simultaneous epidemics of COVID-19 and influenza, which was an urgent issue.

*Tokyo CDC Preparatory Study Committee

Membe	*As of September 15, 2020						
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[Main Matters Discussed]

1st meeting	 Sharing the overall image of the Tokyo version of the CDC Review of the issues to be discussed Confirmation of future schedule for considerations
2nd meeting	 Main opinions expressed in the first meeting Direction for the Tokyo CDC Expert Board and task forces Initiatives at the time of launch

Launch and Functions of the Tokyo iCDC

The launch of the Tokyo iCDC (October 2020)

Taking into account the discussions that took place at the Tokyo CDC Preparatory Study Committee, TMG formulated the Tokyo iCDC Concept in September 2020. The Tokyo iCDC was launched in October based on the concept.

Tokyo iCDC Concept (Outline)

[The Tokyo iCDC Idea]

- The iCDC provides evidence-based advice to the Governor as a permanent command tower that integrally takes charge of effective infection control measures.
- In ordinary times, the iCDC develops public health human resources and and strengthens its intelligence functions by building networks with local governments, research institutions both in and outside of Japan.
- During a crisis, the iCDC leverages its intelligence functions to respond rapidly and effectively.

[Functions performed by the Tokyo iCDC] Ordinary **Rapid transition** Crisis Strengthened system Times Policymaking function Crisis management function Developing the system to prepare for a Policymaking, cluster countermeasures, crisis, etc. preventing the spread of infection in Research and analysis Joint research with the government, hospitals and facilities, etc. universities, and research organizations, network-building, etc. Research and analysis Collecting and disseminating information Putting together an analysis team Raising awareness, archiving data, etc. integrating TMG and external researchers **Developing human resources** Enhancing training programs, etc. Collecting and disseminating information Effective publicity to city residents, risk communication

Functions performed by the Tokyo iCDC

- The Tokyo iCDC is a network of experts who conduct research, analysis, and the collection and dissemination of information in fields related to infectious disease.
- Based on the infection situation and the status of the healthcare system, the iCDC provides stage-specific advice from their perspective as experts.
- The iCDC advises on policy direction and individual initiatives, serving as the "command tower" for TMG's overall infectious disease measures.

Establishment of the Expert Board, the Heart of the Tokyo iCDC

iCDC Expert Board

The **iCDC Expert Board** plays a central role in the Tokyo iCDC's provision of evidence-based advice and its network-building with local governments and research institutions in and outside of Japan. The Board has established teams for each area of expertise, **and is** participated in by over 50 experts. *9 teams as of June 2023.

When the Tokyo iCDC was launched in October 2020, four teams were established: the epidemiology and public health team, the infectious disease medical treatment team, the testing and diagnosis team, and the risk communication team. Thereafter, the infection prevention and control team was established in December of the same year, the microbiological analysis team and the research and development team in January 2021, and the human resources development team in March 2021.

In April 2021, the iCDC began full-scale operations with this eight-team structure. With the establishment of the information management team in October 2022, there are now nine teams. The Tokyo iCDC Expert Board also appoints six external advisors to provide knowledgeable advice on the matters being investigated and studied from an objective perspective.

iCDC Expert Board (Mission of Each Team)

Epidemiology and public health team

Analyze and assess infection risk based on epidemiological studies, give advice based on the infection situation and future projections, etc.

Infectious disease medical treatment team

Analyze cases and evaluate effective medical treatment of infectious diseases, including new treatment methods and measures to address post-COVID symptoms, etc.

Testing and diagnosis team

Evaluate and analyze methods of testing and diagnosis, consider the establishment of new and enhanced testing and diagnostic methods.

Risk communication team

Along with considering infection control measures based on interactive information sharing such as publicity and PR, give wideranging advice on risk communication activities

Infection prevention and control team

Consider effective countermeasures for infection control based on the latest scientific findings and formulate manuals, etc., according to the situation (home, work, etc.)

Microbiological analysis team

Evaluate and analyze the transmissibility, pathogenicity, and genetic mutations of infectious diseases, and gather information on vaccines and therapeutic drugs

Research and development team

Gather information on a wide range of fields, including the progress and development of basic and clinical research, and consider how to apply these insights and put them into practice in Tokyo

HR development team

Consider ways to enhance training and development programs for human resources charged with infectious disease response in Tokyo

Information management team

Consider data management methods for collecting, managing and utilizing information related to infectious diseases

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Establishment of Task Forces to Study Specific Issues

Task Forces

The Tokyo iCDC has established task forces to study specific issues related to infectious diseases. Since it was launched, the Tokyo iCDC has been operating during a crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and since it was necessary to focus on the response, discussions in the task force, which can respond to issues in a more flexible manner, were active.

12 task forces have been set up as of June 2023, and studies are being conducted with members of the iCDC Expert Board in the relevant fields along with experts from various participating organizations.

		Stat		Participating								
Task Forces	Epidemiology & public health	Infectious disease medical treatment	Testing and diagnosis		Infection prevention & control	Microbiological analysis	R&D	HR development	Information management	organizations, etc.		
Influenza Twindemic TF		•								Tokyo Medical Association National Institute of Infectious Diseases National Cancer Center Hospital		
Healthcare Delivery System TF		•							•	Nippon Sport Science University Teikyo University Kyorin University		
Safe Community Development TF	•			•						Tokyo Metropolitan Hospital Organization Tokyo Chapter of the Japan Red Cross Society Tokyo Fire Department		
Genome Analysis TF		•						•		Tokyo Medical University Tokyo Medical Association Public health centers Juntendo University Tokyo Hikifune Hospital Institute of Medical Science, University of Tokyo National Cancer Center Hospital Public health institutes University of Tokyo Center for Spatial Information Science Kitasato University St. Marianna University School of Medicine Hirahata Clinic National Center for Global Health and Medicine Waseda University Faculty of Science and Engineering Kogakuin University National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology RIKEN Kobe Campus Osaka University		
Infectious Disease Forecasting and Response TF	•				•		•					
Vaccination Information TF												
Infection Forecast Simulation TF	•											
Infection After-Effects TF		•		•								
Ventilation and Indoor Infection Measures TF					•							
High Tech Infection Risk Evaluation TF					•		•					
One Health Approach Promotion TF		•			•	•		•	•	National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, Japan University of Occupational and Environmental		
Syphilis Measures TF										Health, Disaster Occupational Health Center etc.		