

Biography:

Dr. Tomimasa SUNAGAWA (born in Okinawa, Japan, in 1964) is a medical doctor who graduated from Medical School at University of the Ryukyus, Japan in 1991 and received a Ph.D. in medical science from Osaka University, Japan, in 1998. After the working experience at pediatric department as a physician and completion of the Field Epidemiology Training Program, Japan, in 2001, he had been working as a senior researcher at Infectious Disease Surveillance Center (IDSC), National Institute of Infectious Diseases (NIID), Japan. From 2004 to 2007, he had been dispatched to WHO/HQ in Switzerland and had international experience on Emerging Infectious Diseases and Vaccine-preventable diseases including measles and polio. Since Apr 2013, he has been working as a division chief for Surveillance and Information at IDSC/NIID. In addition to patients and pathogen surveillance at national level in IDSC/NIID, he is leading a variety of researches on infectious diseases including Vaccine-preventable diseases (i.e., measles, rubella and pertussis).