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In the 8th Phoenix Leader Education Program (PLEP) seminar of 2015, Dr. Masaharu Maeda (Department of Disaster Psychiatry, Fukushima Medical University), gave a lecture on January 18th entitled "Crisis Communication and mental health in a radiation accident."

The PELP seminars are held regularly for the purpose of disseminating information about the activities of our program by providing open classes and lectures to Hiroshima University students, faculty and staff.

More than 20 people, including PLEP graduate students, attended the seminar and contributed to a lively learning environment.

In his lecture, Dr. Maeda talked about his research on anxiety and fear among residents and medical personnel following a radiation disaster. He also explained the results of questionnaires that had been completed by disaster affected people.

During the Q & A session, participants discussed the differences in mental health conditions found in victims of the Great Hanshin Awaji Earthquake and those of the Fukushima accident. It was a very stimulating seminar for everyone involved.

