Aya Goto

Aya Goto is an Associate Professor of Public Health at Fukushima Medical University School of Medicine. Dr. Goto’s main research interests are the prevention of unintended pregnancy and parenting support. Her translational research over the past 15 years has been conducted in tight collaboration with local communities in Fukushima and Ho Chi Minh City and is combined with the capacity building of local health care professionals in maternal and child health care, as well as epidemiology. Her projects bridge science and local communities, as well as developing and developed countries in Asia.

Since the Great East Japan Earthquake, Dr. Goto has been working closely with public health nurses in Fukushima city, helping them respond appropriately to concerns among parents of small children about elevated background radiation. Recently, their focus is on promotion of health literacy. She also manages parenting support services, based on epidemiological data collected from the Fukushima Health Management Survey.