

## **IRIDeS member has been invited to give a presentation at the Workshop on Tsunami Disaster Risk Reduction in Krabi, Thailand (2016/9/22)**

Theme : Asian Disaster Reduction, Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami  
Location: Dusit Thani Krabi Beach Resort, Krabi, Thailand

On September 22, 2016, the Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC) and the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM) of Thailand jointly organized the Workshop on Tsunami Disaster Risk Reduction in Krabi, Thailand, with the support from the Cabinet Office of Japan. Researcher Dr. Natt Leelawat of the International Research Institute of Disaster Science (IRIDeS) has been invited by the ADRC to give a presentation at this workshop.

The objectives of this workshop are to identify major challenges facing diverse sectors including local governments, local commerce and diverse industries and NGOs working at the community level; share lessons learned from previous tsunami disasters; and develop new tools that will facilitate tsunami DRR at the community level.

The workshop was opened by a welcome speech by Mr. Supakit Phopapapan (Deputy Director-General of the DDPM) and Ms. Kyoko Kondo (Executive Director of ADRC). The morning session, chaired by Mr. Arun Pinta (Director of the International Cooperation Division, DDPM), consisted of the operation progress reports on tsunami disaster risk reduction after the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami in national level and provincial level, followed by the presentation by the Thai Red Cross Society. The afternoon session started with the session presented by experts from Japan and Indonesia. Dr. Natt Leelawat gave a talk titled "*Post-Great East Japan Earthquake Evaluation of Tsunami DRR Measures*" in this session, *Various Efforts Against Future Tsunami Session* chaired by Mr. Masaru Arakida (Senior Researcher of ADRC). After that, there was a demonstration of the *Disaster Imagination Game (DIG)* by Assoc. Prof. Takashi Komura (Tokoha University).

Dr. Natt Leelawat's presentation introduced the current progress in technologies related to tsunami disaster risk reduction in Japan. The talk received a great response from the participants. The national and DDPM local officers can learn the DRR progress in Japan and support their consideration of their future decision. In addition, the workshop provides the opportunity for the IRIDeS to cooperate in some DRR projects with other organizations, such as the ADRC, especially the disaster education program in Thailand, which is currently collaborating between the IRIDeS and the Ministry of Education, Thailand.

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Senior Executives, officers, and researchers from the DDPM, ADRC, provincial and local governments, Thai Red Cross Society, academic institutes, and private sectors



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