

Tsunami Disaster Prevention Education at the Banda Aceh Tsunami Museum (2016/11/24)

Theme: Tsunami, reconstruction, disaster prevention education

Location: Aceh Tsunami Museum (Indonesia, Banda Aceh), Tokyo Electron Hall Sendai (Sendai City) and Ishinomaki Grand Hotel (Ishinomaki City)

On the morning of November 24, 2016, Dr. Aiko Sakurai of the Institute, Dr. Akihiro Shibayama (Disaster Information, Management and Public Collaboration Division) and Dr. Takashi Oda of Miyagi University of Education conducted a workshop for tsunami disaster prevention and education for an audience of local Acehnese teachers and their 70 high school students.

The event started with a teleconference between the Aceh Tsunami Museum, the Japanese cities of Sendai and Ishinomaki. In Japan, the International Collaboration Center of Disaster Education Research and Implementation and the Miyagi Prefectural Board of Education held a "School Safety Forum Centered on Disaster Prevention Education" in Sendai City and a workshop of the "World Tsunami Day High School Student Summit Miyagi Study Tour". Their respective participants consisted of more than 700 school faculty members gathered at the Sendai City Forum venue, more than 150 people from 16 various countries a number of high school students in Ishinomaki City. Linking these two sites with the Tsunami Museum in Aceh, the TV conference provided the opportunity for Miss Lisa and Miss Jurnnairis, two high school students from Banda Aceh city, to share their experience of the 2004 tsunami and their views on the importance of tsunami evacuation.

Following the internet conference, members of the Japan team gave a series of lectures on DRR. Dr. Sakurai Aiko and Dr. Takashi Oda began with a discussion about the "Tsunami Disaster Education Using the Location Information of 85 Tsunami Memorial Poles" spread across the city of Banda Aceh. Dr. Akihiro Shibayama followed with an "Introduction to the Great East Japan Earthquake Digital Archive". Conclusive remarks were made by Dr. Kanako Iuchi and Dr. Liz Maly (Human and Social Response Research Division), Dr. Yasuhito Jibiki and Dr. Kazuya Sugiyasu (Leading Graduate School).

The event concluded with Ms. Mira and Dr. Shibayama exchanging the recently endorsed MoU between the Aceh Tsunami Museum and the International Research Institute of Disaster Science (IRIDes). Ms. Mira expressed the museum essential role and commitment to further and promote regular educational activities and DRR research exchanges between Tohoku and Aceh.



Group photo with workshop participants



Misses Lisa and Jurnnairis with Dr. Shibayama



Lecture on Tsunami Education and Maps